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Blockade set today Haig leaves for U.K. with new proposals

BUENOS AIRES, April 11 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig left for London Sunday to continue mediation between Argentina and Britain in the Falkland Islands crisis.

Aides said he had "some specific ideas for discussion" with the British government after talks with Argentine leaders. These were not spelled out but diplomatic sources said they included a Peruvian proposal for an international peace keeping force to be put on the South Atlantic islands.

The British-ruled islands were occupied by Argentinian forces on April 2 and Britain has threatened to sink any Argentine warships found within 200 miles of them from Monday.

Haig, who is to arrive in London early Monday will have very little, if any, time to present Argentine proposals. Barring an unexpected last-minute postponement, the British plan to enforce a blockade around the disputed islands will take effect at 0400 GMT Monday. Haig is expected in London after that deadline.

Thus, analysts noted, if the British government carries out its warning to fire on any Argentine ship or aircraft within a 200-mile radius of the Falklands, new Argentine proposals — which Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Méndez said early Sunday "could serve as a basis for a settlement" — could be completely ignored. The proposal's contents have not been divulged.

Even if the Argentines do not try to brave the blockade as they have already cleared of the war zone, the plan itself may well not help in the crisis, analysts said, since the Argentine Information Ministry said that Haig's 10 hours of talks here had been unsuccessful. Despite the lack of time, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher planned to shorten a weekend at Chequers, the government's country residence west of London. Other officials were already in London preparing Haig's arrival.

The position of officials here apparently remained unchanged, as British submarines were reportedly already around the 200-mile zone and with a 30-ship armada to arrive

Britain claims

Argentina's ships slip away

LONDON, April 11 (Agencies) — Less than 24 hours before Britain's naval blockade around the Falkland Islands goes into effect, the defense ministry said Sunday nearly all Argentine warships were outside the declared war zone.

A ministry spokesman said only two Argentine warships were still at sea and the rest were in mainland ports. The spokesman declined to say whether either of the two Argentine ships — one frigate and one destroyer — were within the 200-mile "maritime exclusion zone" that Britain declared around the disputed islands four days ago.

The defense spokesman said Britain's warning that it would fire on any Argentine warships within the zone still stood. The blockade will take effect from 0400 GMT Monday. The spokesman, reporting on the deployment of Argentina's naval force, told a press briefing: "We note that their aircraft carrier, their only cruiser, seven of their eight destroyers, two of their three frigates and all of their submarines are back in mainland ports."

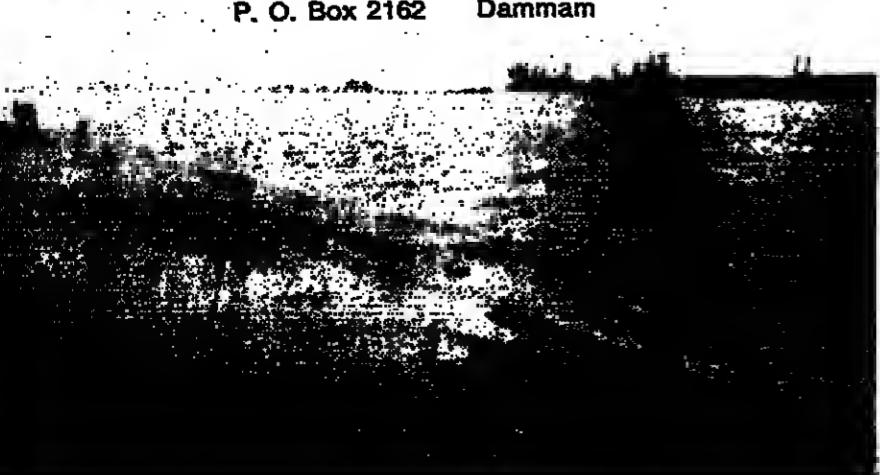
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Set to repel Israeli attack Wazzan, Arafat hold talks

BEIRUT, April 11 (Agencies) — Lebanese Premier Shafik Wazzan has met with Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat amid reports of an imminent Israeli attack on positions in South Lebanon, Radio Beirut reported late Saturday night.

Discussion centered on coordination of efforts to repel such an attack and to enlist the aid of world and Arab leaders. Arafat, who earlier in the day had made an inspection tour of Palestinian positions, said after the talks that four Israeli divisions were "gathered along the southern Lebanese front."

Meanwhile, Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Khilji sent messages to United Nations Secretary General Javier de Cuellar and the heads of state and government of Security Council member nations, alerting them to "a new Israeli aggression that seems on the point of being launched against Lebanon."

At the United Nations, the Lebanese delegate to the U.N. Saturday drew the Security Council's attention to what he called the "massive Israeli troop concentration on the Lebanese border." "The massing of troops... has been preceded and is now accompanied by Israeli threats against the territorial integrity of Lebanon," Ghassan Tueni said in an official note to Security Council President Manda Wakamanda of Zaire.

Tueni said the troop build-up was a violation of the U.N. Charter, of an armistice agreement of 1949 and of Security Council Resolution 425. The note said the Lebanese government "reserves the right to call an urgent meeting of the Security Council if this situation continues or deteriorates."

The Israeli cabinet met for seven hours Sunday amid heated speculation that it will launch military action against Palestinian positions in Lebanon. A cabinet spokesman said the entire session was conducted as "a ministerial security committee," whose discussions are barred by law from being published. He gave no other details but state



Shafik Wazzan
radio reported that South Lebanon and relations with Egypt were believed to have topped the agenda.

Reporters touring north Israel said the area was calm. But the crisis atmosphere was reflected in newspaper photographs showing Jewish settlers near Lebanon clearing up air-raid shelters. The Israeli media, forbidden to give details of any troop deployments, carried foreign reports of an armed build-up and U.S. President Ronald Reagan's appeal to all sides Saturday for restraint.

The cabinet meeting was one of the longest for many months. State radio said two unnamed ministers had disagreed with hardline Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's suggested policy on the north.

Three former chiefs of staff, Haim Bar-Lev, Mordechai Gur and Yitzhak Rabin, have all come out against a large-scale Israeli operation against PLO positions. All three belong to the opposition Labor Party and their intervention has led to allegations by Prime Minister Menahem Begin's aides that they are whipping up war hysteria.

Begin's press spokesman, Uri Porat, called them irresponsible and said they are "making statements without knowing the true facts."

Johannesburg paper reveals

'S. Atlantic pact' covers Israel

JOHANNESBURG, April 11 (AFP) — A top secret "South Atlantic Pact" links the South Africa, Nationalist China — Taiwan and Israel — along with the South American states of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, the Johannesburg Sunday Times has said.

The treaty, signed 13 years ago as a rough equivalent to the North Atlantic Pact of Western nations, was confirmed last week as being still in force by South African and Argentine government sources, the paper said.

Brezhnev, Reagan could meet in U.S.

MOSCOW, April 11 (AFP) — A visit by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to the United States, including a meeting there with U.S. President Ronald Reagan, "cannot be ruled out," but no definitive decision has been taken, a ranking Soviet official has said privately.

The official made the comment to a group of American visitors here in reaction to last Monday's suggestion of such a meeting by Reagan.

The visitors were members of the American Institute of Policy Studies, a private organization opposing Reagan's nuclear policy, he on invitation from the Soviet Institute for Relations with the United States and Canada, headed by Georgi Arbatsov.

Corpse trips burglar

PARIS, April 11 (AFP) — A Paris burglar Sunday phoned the police in a frenzy after discovering a body in the flat he had just finished rifling.

In an anonymous telephone call to police headquarters, the burglar cut short all questions on his involvement in the murder by saying: "Me, I'm only a burglar."

When police arrived at the address given by the unknown thief, they discovered that the Paris flat had been thoroughly searched and found the three-week-old dead body of a man hidden in a closet under the stairs.

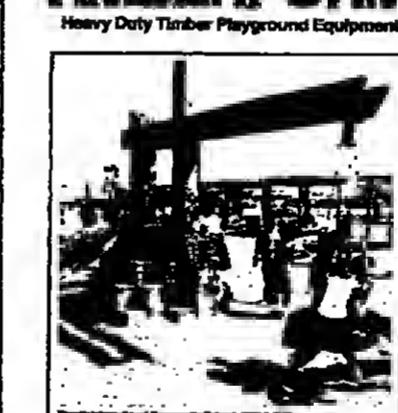
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Kingdom will maintain oil output level -- minister

RIYADH, April 11 — Saudi Arabia is bound by the decision of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) regarding the regulation of output and is not planning further cuts in its oil production beyond what was decided in Vienna last month. Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil, minister of finance and national economy,

said Sunday.

In a statement to *Al-Riyadh* newspaper, Aba Al-Khalil rejected the idea that the curtailment of the Kingdom's oil production may affect Saudi Arabia's development programs or that it could lead to cuts in the state budget. "We have not decided to reduce the budget but are studying the needs of our national economy and its absorption capacity. The new budget will be subservient to the authorities' will and will be made to measure to the programs we wish to implement," Aba Al-Khalil said.

The minister denied that Saudi Arabia had canceled industrial projects in Jubail and Yanbu. "Our ambitious industrial scheme is proceeding according to schedule, and what we have achieved so far is a matter of pride for us all. We never thought of curbing our ambitions. On the contrary, we endeavor for a greater expansion and development of our local industrial base," he said.

Royal Court statement had announced the reduction of oil production during March down to seven million barrels a day. The decision was taken after consultations with sister states in the Arabian Gulf, the statement said.

Trainees to graduate

AHSAA, April 11 (SPA) — Ahsaa's Vocational Training Center will honor in May graduates who have completed their courses. According to Assistant Director Sobhi Hamad, so far 84 students have graduated in car mechanics, carpentry and electricity. After that, registration will be open to them till 15/7/1402H (May 18). Another 225 students will graduate from evening courses at the end of Ramadan (July).

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SR214.6m dam projects commissioned

RIYADH, April 11 (SPA) — Projects totaling SR214.6 million for the construction of 56 dams in Baha and Asir were commissioned by national firms Sunday by Dr. Abdul Rahman ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water.

Of these new dams, 18 will be set up in Baha within 20 months. The other 36 will be built in Asir within 15 months. Dr. Abdul Rahman recently approved the construction of two dams at Al-Nahranah and Yanbu at the cost of SR87 million.

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MEETING: Members of the executive committee of the world Islamic organization for publication, distribution and production met Saturday photo above. The three-hour sessions held at Tihama's headquarters in Jeddah, discussed proposals for feasibility studies and subscription to the company's SR100 million capital.

From King Faisal foundation

Islamic groups to get SR2 m

RIYADH, April 11 (SPA) — King Faisal Philanthropic Foundation will give SR2,473,000 to a number of Islamic associations and organizations in Saudi Arabia and other Islamic countries.

The decision was reached at a meeting of the foundations' Programs and Spending Committee, recently under Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, the foundation's director general. The meeting was also attended by Prince Saad Al-Faisal; Prince Turki Al-Faisal, the foundation's secretary general; and the director of the Programs and Research Department.

From the appropriations, SR100,000 will be spent on the dowries project under by Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, the president of the Religious Research, Ruling, Dawa and Guidance Organization. The sum of SR357,000 will be used for a computer project to store data on Arab and Islamic schools. SR2.3 million will serve to build and run ten health centers in Sudan. SR171,000 will buy equipment for farms belonging to the Islamic Solidarity Association in Gambia. SR32,000 will build Al-Reda Welfare School in Kenya. SR13,000 will build a Koran memorization school and a grand mosque in Tanzania; and SR500,000 will go to the Islamic Center for

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Turkish company wins SR1.6b housing award

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 11 — Another Turkish company has been awarded a SR1.6 billion contract to build a housing complex near Makkah. This brings the value of housing contracts let to Turkish firms within a week to SR3 billion. Last week, two Turkish companies won a SR1.3 billion contract to build a housing complex near Madinah.

The Makkah housing contract was signed by Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing on behalf of the government, and the Turkish-Saudi joint venture company, Soyak-Binladen, Wednesday. The complex will consist of 7,402 individual houses.

Soyak-Binladen is being supported by a \$125 million credit from a consortium of Turkey-is-Bankasi and National Commercial Bank. The project will be completed in three years.

The contract to build houses in Madinah was bagged by Turkey's Kutluatas and Enka Holdings. The Kutluatas-Enka tie-up is being backed by a \$97 million loan from a consortium of Western banks. This is claimed to be the largest credit awarded to a Turkish private bank by Western banks in recent times.

The two companies said the project would need 2,400 Turkish personnel, including engineers, technicians and workers.

Islamic body urges end to Gulf war

ISLAMABAO, April 11 (SPA) — The mandate of Makkah Mayor Abdul Qader Koskash was renewed for another two years here Saturday as secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Capitals. The Conference of Mayors of Islamic Capitals also decided to set up two funds — one for the preservation of important Islamic cities and capitals, and the other for the preservation of the Islamic heritage.

Moreover, an executive committee was set up, which will undertake, together with a committee made up of representatives of

Riyadh, Baghdad and Islamabad, to draw up a survey of the damage caused to N'Djamena, the capital of Chad, as a result of the civil war. The executive committee which comprises eight members, including the mayor of Riyadh, will submit its report within three months prior to the extension of help for reconstruction.

The conference urged Iraq and Iran to cease the hostilities, preserve human life and avoid more material losses for the two Islamic countries. It also endorsed the organization's budget for the coming two years.

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SR28.7m set for mosques

Riyadh, April 11 (SPA) — Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasei Sunday approved the construction of 45 Eid prayer premises and seven mosques at an overall cost of SR28.77 million.

Meanwhile, Muhammad ibn Salama, director general of endowments and mosques in the Central Province, stated that Eid prayer premises will be constructed in Zilif, Sudair, Hail, Qasim, Dawadmi, Washim, Quwaylah, Afaj and Wadi Dawasser. The seven mosques will be built in Riyadh and Rass, he said.

Salama added that contracts will be signed shortly for the implementation of these projects.

529 cases involving SR640m reported

Official cautions against postdated checks

JEDDAH, April 11 — During the past four months, 529 cases of postdated checks and authorization to foreigners, involving SR640 million, were reported to the committees for commercial documents in Riyadh, Jeddah and Damman.

Al-Riyadh newspaper Suoday quoted Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamil, commerce undersecretary, as saying that these cases include sheltering aliens. He warned against issuing postdated checks saying that, if the payee submits the check to the ministry before its written date, it would become its written date, it would become binding on the drawer to make immediate payment.

Zamil said the committees to the three

cities have received hundreds of complaints in this behalf, and added that checks without balance, as well as postdated checks, involved more than SR400 million in Riyadh, nearly SR100 million in Jeddah and over SR140 million in Damman. A total of 197 cases were received in Riyadh, 149 in Jeddah and 183 in Damman, he said.

Zamil made it clear that penal sanctions are being awarded to those issuing such checks. The sanctions include imprisonment upto six months in addition to fines, he said. Zamil emphasized that aliens should not be authorized to issue or sign checks on the account of Saudi nationals, who later become responsible before the official circles. He said that some unconscious foreigners exploit the authority given them by the citizens and issue checks and then run away.

Zamil said the Commerce Ministry will now make it binding on any establishment owner, authorizing a foreigner or sheltering him, to pay all the commitments the foreigner has made on his behalf. He added that the committees concerned have solved 80 percent of the cases referred to them, and legal actions have been taken in nearly 20 cases.

He stressed that a check becomes due for payment as soon as it is made, and reminded those parties working on the basis of deferred payment that there are other alternatives, which are protected by a regulation, such as a bill of exchange and draft. They are the ins-

truments of discharge and trust while the check is only an instrument of discharge, he added.

Zamil said the commerce ministry thanks the governors in Riyadh, Jeddah and Damman for their full and unlimited cooperation with it, for the sake of eliminating the phenomenon of commercial fraud and harboring the expatriates.

Chinese to study grass in the desert

TAIPEI, April 11 (CNA) — A five-member group of horticulture and agriculture experts of the Republic of China will leave shortly for Saudi Arabia to study the feasibility of growing grass in the desert as a means to prevent further wind erosion of its land.

According to Prof. Lu Tsu-lin of the Horticulture Department of the National Taiwan University, the leader of the group, if a means could be developed to grow grass in the Kingdom, the earth will be able to retain a greater amount of rain water. Whether or not it is put into action will depend on whether the Saudi government is willing to invest on such a project, Lu said.

The five-member group is expected to stay in Saudi Arabia for six weeks before returning home to continue their research on the project.

BRIEFS

RIYADH (SPA) — King Khaled Saturday received a cable of thanks from President Abdou Diouf of Senegal in reply to his congratulatory message on the occasion of Senegal's 22nd annual "celebration". He wished the King health and happiness and the Saudi people further prosperity and progress.

RIYADH (SPA) — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, UNICEF's special envoy and head of the Arab Gulf Fund, returned here Saturday evening from a tour of the United States, Costa Rica, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Mali, Niger and Senegal, to probe children's conditions in those countries.

RIYADH (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan met with Dr. Abdullah Al-Quwaiz, Gulf Cooperation Council's assistant secretary general for economic affairs here Sunday. They discussed possible ways of cooperation among the GCC states in the field of civil aviation.

RIYADH (SPA) — Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, Saturday visited the Pilgrimage Research Center of King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah. He was briefed on the activities and accomplishments of the center in the holy places. The center includes a data bank, a documentation and publication section, a preliminary studies section and a studies and environmental section.

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Former foreign minister arrested**Iran foils bid to kill Khomeini**

BEIRUT, April 11 (AP) — A plot to kill Ayatollah Khomeini has been foiled in Tehran and former Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh has been arrested, Tehran radio reported Saturday.

The radio said Qotbzadeh and "several others" who were planning to assassinate Khomeini and all members of Iran's Supreme Defense Council are now under arrest. It did not say when the arrests were made.

"The plot was organized by nationalists and power-hungry elements with no aim other than to gain power," the radio said. It was quoting a statement issued by the special military revolutionary court headed by Hojatoleslam Muhammadi Reyshahri, a hardline militant clergymen.

The statement said security forces had been following Qotbzadeh for some time and had made tape recordings of his conversations. "By doing this, they wanted to open the way

for their Western masters including the United States," the statement went on to say, according to the radio broadcast, monitored and television network.

Teheran radio, quoting the revolutionary court's statement, said "After getting rid of the Imam (Khomeini) and the Defense Council they wanted to carry out a bloody purge in the revolutionary organizations such as the revolutionary guards." The statement said others involved in the plot have yet to be arrested and a search for them is underway. But it did not disclose the details of the assassination plan.

Qotbzadeh, once one of Khomeini's closest aides, returned on the "flight of the revolution" Air France jet that brought Khomeini back to Iran after 16 years in exile, in February 1979. He was named by Khomeini as member of the powerful revolution-

ary council in the early days of the revolution and then head of the National Iranian Radio and television network.

He became foreign minister soon after the U.S. Embassy in Teheran was seized by students in November 1979. After losing the 1980 presidential race to former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, Qotbzadeh was said to be starting a newspaper but then vanished from public life. Western correspondents with contacts in Teheran said he had opted for a quiet life, preferring to stay at his north Teheran home with no political activity.

He was arrested in November 1980 after denouncing the Khomeini regime in a television interview, but was released four days later following demonstrations in protest against his arrest in both Teheran and Qom south of Teheran.

Meanwhile, in another crackdown on opposition forces, Khomeini's security forces killed seven urban guerrillas as Khomeini called his opponents "childish," the official Iranian mass media reported Saturday.

The official news agency IRNA, formerly called Pars, said three members of the Mujahedeen Khalq guerrilla group were killed in clashes with the revolutionary guards but also left one guard dead. It said 11 other Mujahedeen were arrested. It did not say when the clashes occurred. Teheran radio said four Mujahedeen were killed in clashes with the guards in Teheran within the last few days and one other guerrilla arrested.

The Mujahedeen are the most powerful opposition force to Khomeini's regime. They have mounted an eight-month-old campaign of assassinations and bombings against Khomeini loyalists.

In a speech to a group of devotees, Khomeini called his opponents "childish" and said, "These people are deviates who cause mischief here and abroad. They are very silly. They have lost their minds. This is why they devise such childlike plots. Anywhere they wish to plot, they will have the people's careful eyes watching them... day and night."

Tehran radio also announced Saturday the komitebs, or revolutionary police, will be placed under the jurisdiction of the ministry of interior. The komitebs mustered in the first few days after the 1979 Islamic revolution in the absence of a regular police force.

Former Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan, Khomeini's first premier, who resigned in protest against the taking of the U.S. Embassy in Teheran, often criticized the komitebs and called them a "government within a government."

This was seen by Iran watchers as a sign that the Teheran government was trying to harness the komitebs' wide-ranging powers. In the past, Iranians criticized the komitebs for their arbitrary arrests and house-breakings.

The state-owned radio also announced the foreign minister of South Yemen arrived in the Iranian capital Saturday for talks with his Iranian counterpart, Al-Akbar Velayati.

It said Ealeh Salah Muhammad arrived in Teheran at the head of a seven-man delegation to discuss "bilateral ties and matters of mutual interest." It gave no further details.

Gulf states give \$13m in aid to Aden

BAHRAIN, April 11 (R) — Gulf governments have given almost \$13 million as well as emergency supplies to help survivors of floods in South Yemen that killed about 500 persons.

Kuwait said Sunday it was giving \$3 million plus blankets, medicines and food. Saudi Arabia said last week it was donating SR18 million as well as tents, food and medicine.

The United Arab Emirates donated \$3 million and Qatar \$1.5 million. The Aden government said last week about 500 persons had died and 10,000 were made homeless in the worst floods in 40 years in the South Arabian country. It estimated loss to property and crops at about \$950 million and appealed for international help.

Polisario claims attack on Moroccan positions

ALGIERS, April 11 (AFP) — Military operations have resumed in Western Sahara after some months of calm, according to a series of communiques issued here Saturday, by the Polisario Liberation Front which is fighting Morocco for independence of the former Spanish territory.

The reports said Polisario units had made a dozen sorties against Moroccan positions in the territory and in Southern Morocco between the end of March and the first week of April. The Moroccans suffered major casualties and damage, the front claimed.

Zia has no regrets on execution of Bhutto

LONDON, April 11 (AFP) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq said he did not regret his failure to pardon his predecessor Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was executed for murder in 1979, *The Sunday Telegraph* newspaper has reported in an interview.

Gen. Zia told *The Telegraph*: "Bhutto was convicted after a fair trial followed by supreme court appeal decisions which nobody interfered with." The general added "had he been acquitted, I would have been the first to shake his hand as an innocent man."

On the topics, Gen. Zia said the Soviet Union had invited him to sign an "Asian collective security pact", backed by Moscow, but that he had refused. "We will fight if attacked and if 85 million Pakistanis cannot defend their country, nobody can," he said.

Gen. Zia also said he did not believe that the recent Soviet proposals to settle Sino-Soviet border differences would succeed.

Hussein to visit UAE

ABU DHABI, April 11 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan will visit the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Tuesday for talks with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan on current Arab developments, the official Emirates News Agency reported Sunday. The visit will be part of a Gulf tour it added.

But many are skeptical about what will occur after April 25, when Israel withdraws from the last third of the Sinai peninsula. Egyptians sometimes mock the preoccupation with that date.

A cartoon in the daily *Al-Ahram* showed an Egyptian answering the question "What comes after April 25?" by saying: "April 26."

A professor told a reporter: "You are so obsessed with April, I believe we should change our way of talking of time to B.A. (Before April) and A.A. (After April)."

Fewer than 2,000 Egyptians have visited Israel since the peace signing and most of them were officials, foreign visitors and beyond the means of the vast majority of

U.N. special envoy ponders Afghan problem with Zia

ISLAMABAD, April 11 (AP) — The U.N. secretary-general's personal representative on Afghanistan, Diego Cordovez, arrived Saturday on the first leg of a trip that will take him to Kabul and Teheran for talks aimed at resolving the crisis created by the 1979 Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Cordovez, 47, flew in from Geneva where he held a series of meetings with officials of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Red Cross on ways to relieve the "financial burden imposed on Pakistan" by the presence of an estimated 2.5 million Afghan refugees, a U.N. spokesman here said.

Cordovez, undersecretary-general for special political affairs, Sunday met with Pakistani President Gen. Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq and Foreign Minister Sabahzada Yaqub Khan.

There was no immediate word on whether the Pakistani government has any new proposals for the Soviet-installed Babrak Karim regime, but the foreign office here issued a statement late Saturday expressing hope that Cordovez's visit will add momentum to the negotiating process initiated by his predecessor, Javier Perez de Cuellar, the current secretary general.

A government spokesman said Pakistan is "committed to an honorable political solution" of the Afghan problem based on conditions endorsed last year by the United

Despite peace treaty**Egyptians feel skeptical of Israelis**

CAIRO, April 11 (AP) — Three years after Egypt and Israel signed a peace treaty, most Egyptians say they are committed to peace but pessimistic about prospects for a broader settlement. They are wary of embracing the Israelis.

"Peace was the best thing Sadat ever did. Now we are concerned about living our lives and feeding our families," said Hamed Hamoudi, 60, a bus driver and father of eight who fought in the 1948 war against the Zionists.

His comment was typical of dozens of Egyptians informally interviewed in recent days. There are no public opinion polls here, but even government opponents, who speak only if guaranteed anonymity, see no alternative to peace.

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Like many others was astonished by Israel's attacks on Baghdad and Beirut last year, its effective annexation of Syria's Golan Heights and its crackdown on the Palestinians. "Why should I go to Israel?" said Ali, 19, a barber. "We can have peace with them but there is no reason to kiss them."

Sudden policy change ruled out by Mubarak

CAIRO, April 11 (AP) — A key American Congressman Saturday said President Hosni Mubarak assured him Egypt would continue its peace policy with "no sudden changes" after Israel withdraws from the last third of Sinai April 25.

After the hour-long meeting at Uruba Palace, Representative Richard White, head of the House of Representatives Arms Committee, described his talks with Mubarak as friendly.

"Egypt will continue its peace process that started with Camp David with no sudden changes to come," White quoted Mubarak as saying.

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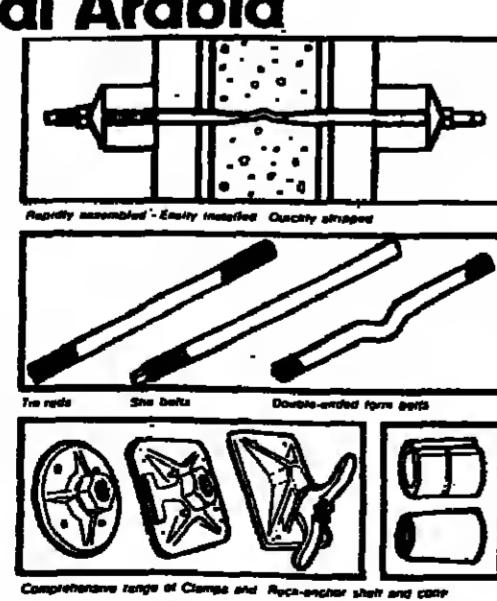
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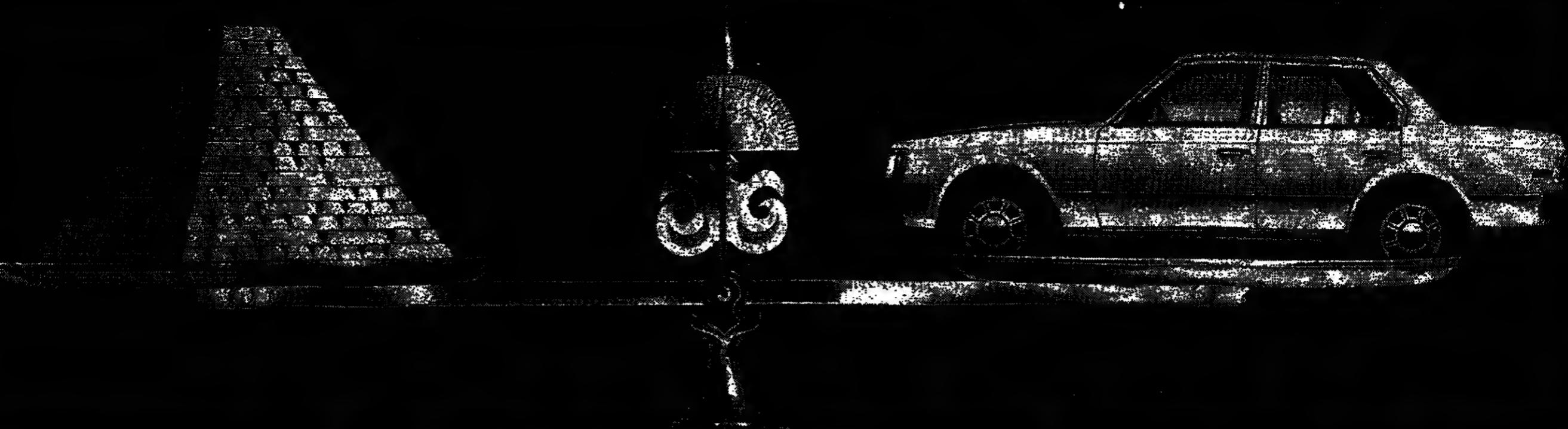
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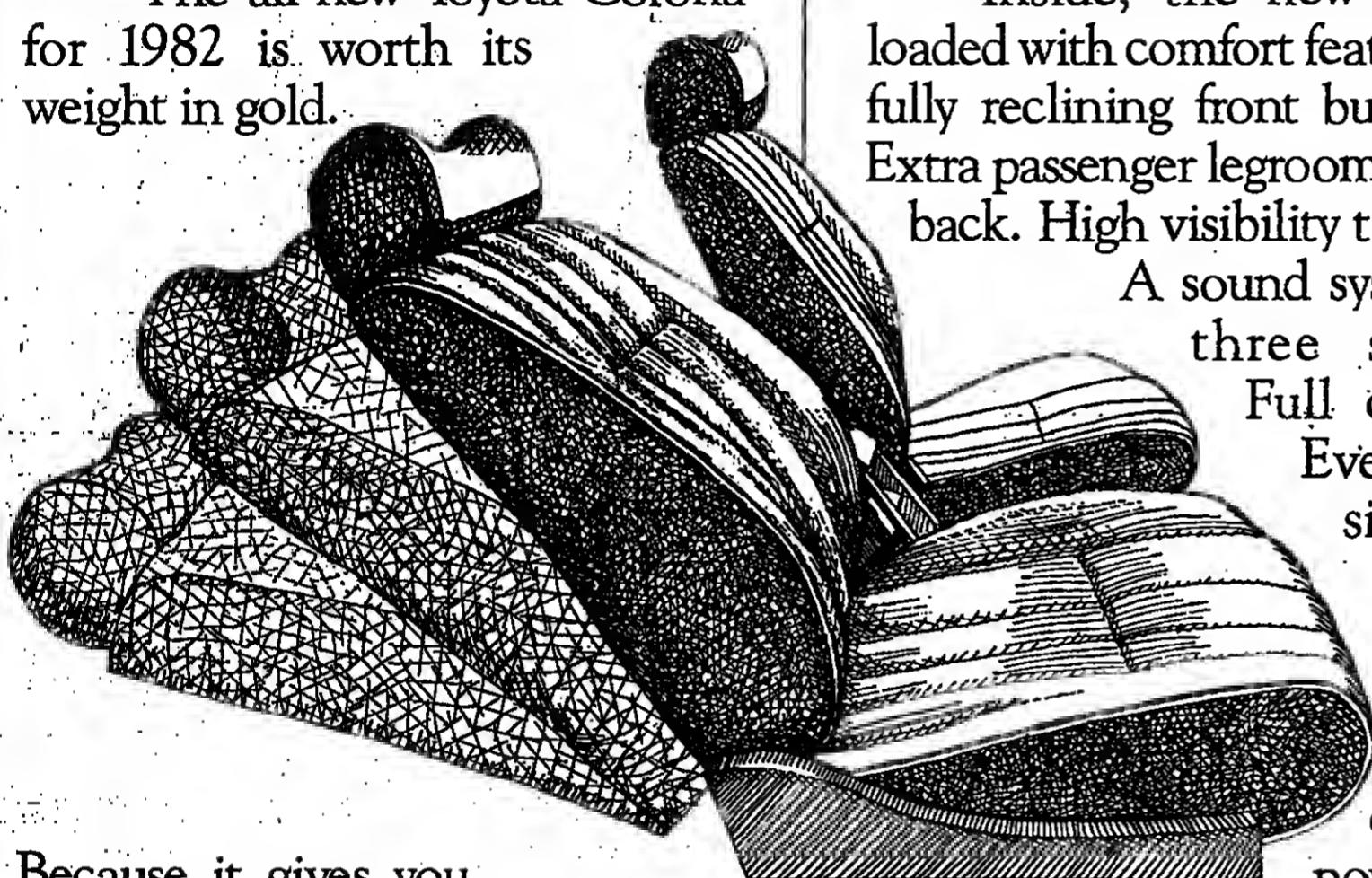
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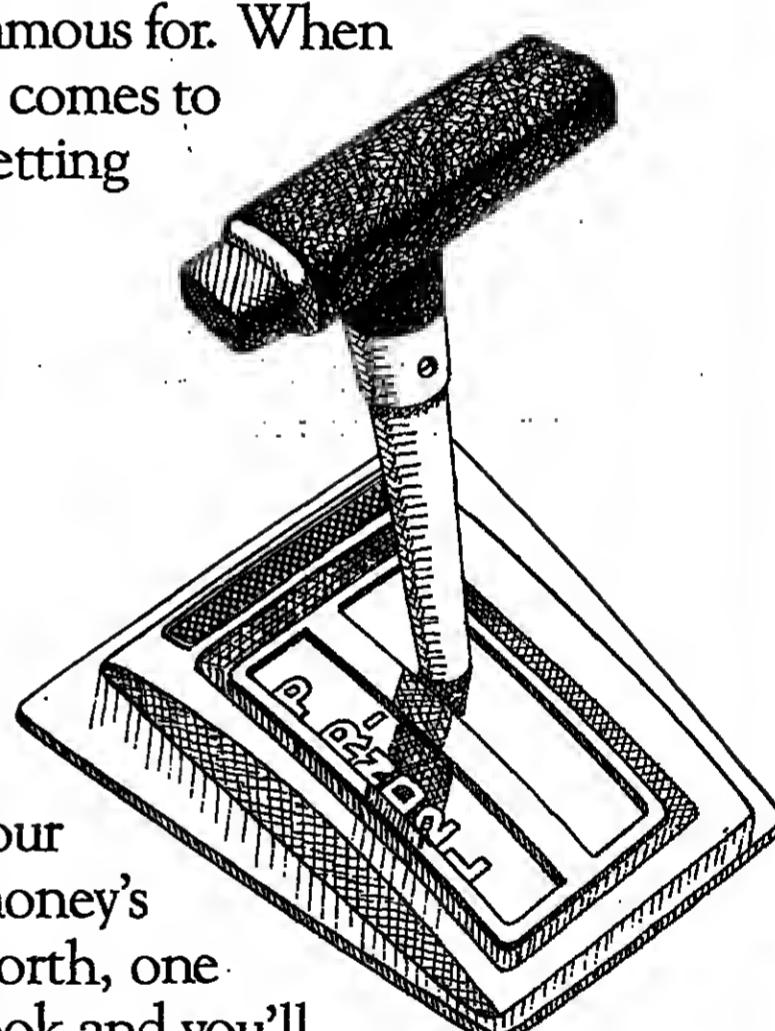
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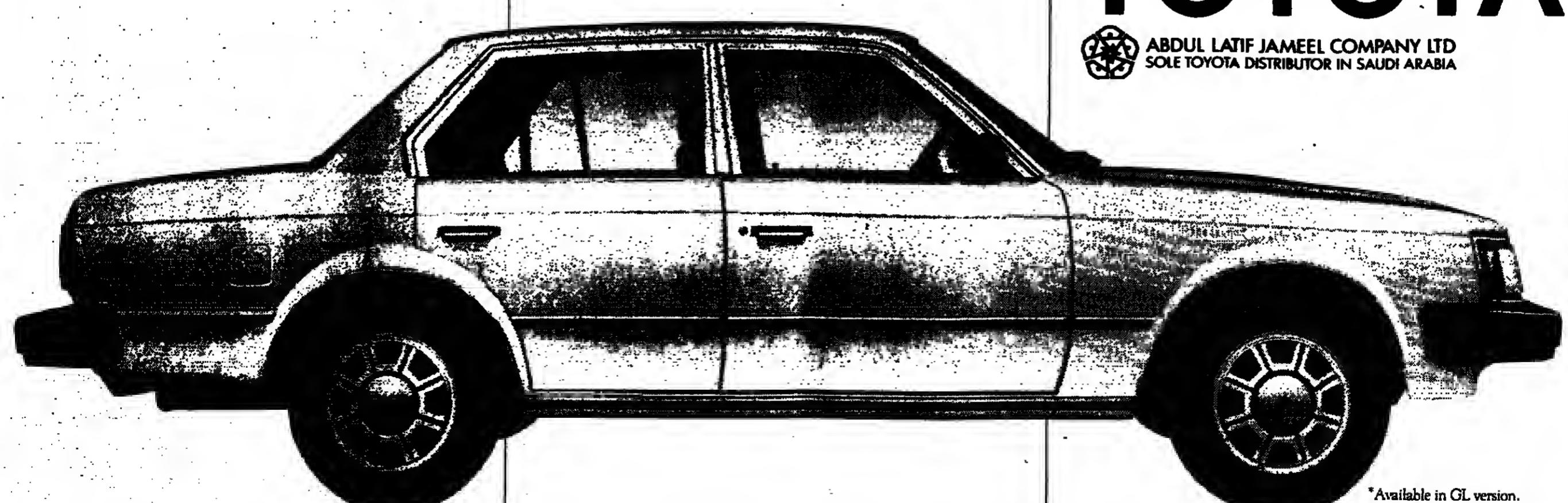
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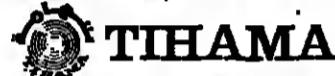
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ARAB MARTYRS

More Arabs died yesterday when an Israeli soldier opened fire, pointblank on defenseless worshippers in the Aqsa Mosque, third holiest place in Islam after Makkah and Madinah. A few weeks ago more Arabs died because they resisted Israeli occupation of their country, the West Bank. They had lost the East Bank to the Zionist state in 1948.

These will not be the last Arab martyrs. More will have to sacrifice themselves in order to keep the fire of patriotism burning but it is the pathetic state of inter-Arab relations that is weakening the Arabs of Palestine, both in the East or West Banks. For, let's face it, the Arabs today are in a bad shape. The Lebanese are divided. The Syrians are practically fighting the Iraqis and watching their own forces pinned down in Lebanon. The Iraqis have wasted their army in the Gulf war. Egypt has quit and other Arab states are in no better position to challenge the Israelis.

But when an Israeli diplomat is assassinated in Paris, Israel mobilizes a whole army to invade South Lebanon in an attempt to liquidate the Palestinian refugees there. The diplomat could have been killed by anybody, including a jilted girlfriend, and not, by necessity, a Palestinian who had seen his entire nation sacked, killed, expelled and humiliated.

Unlike the Arabs, Israel has the power to mount such operations and kill and destroy at will. The Arabs are busy fighting and undermining the economies and resources of each other. They cannot simply hit back when they are hurt by Israel. When an Israeli set fire to the Aqsa mosque in 1975, the Arabs and Muslims did nothing. They held a summit conference and condemned the sacrilege but that was about all.

This leaves the poor defenseless people of the West Bank practically alone to fend for themselves. The West does not recognize that they have a legitimate resistance movement going. They will keep saying that the Palestinians must be consulted in any eventual settlement. The Americans say the building of Jewish settlements in the West Bank is simply "unhelpful", but they will not help. It is really in the end up to the Palestinians themselves to rise and make the occupation a costly affair for the Israelis. They alone can do it and they will be standing alone, most of the time.

Saudi Arabian press review

The Kingdom's relief aid to flood victims in South Yemen and the British-Argentine dispute over the Falklands issue were the two main subjects for comment in Sunday's newspapers.

Al-Madinah praised the humanitarian response made by King Khalid's government which reflected the excellent nature of relations between the Kingdom and people of all other countries.

The paper added that the Kingdom's help to South Yemen emanated from the Islamic fraternal spirit, "which should serve as a positive factor in further strengthening ties among Islamic countries."

On the same subject, *Al-Bilad* said the Kingdom's extension of financial assistance to provide emergency relief to the flood victims in South Yemen demonstrated Saudi Arabia's constructive policy of supporting brotherly and friendly states in their difficult times.

The paper said the aid given by Saudi Arabia reflected the honest

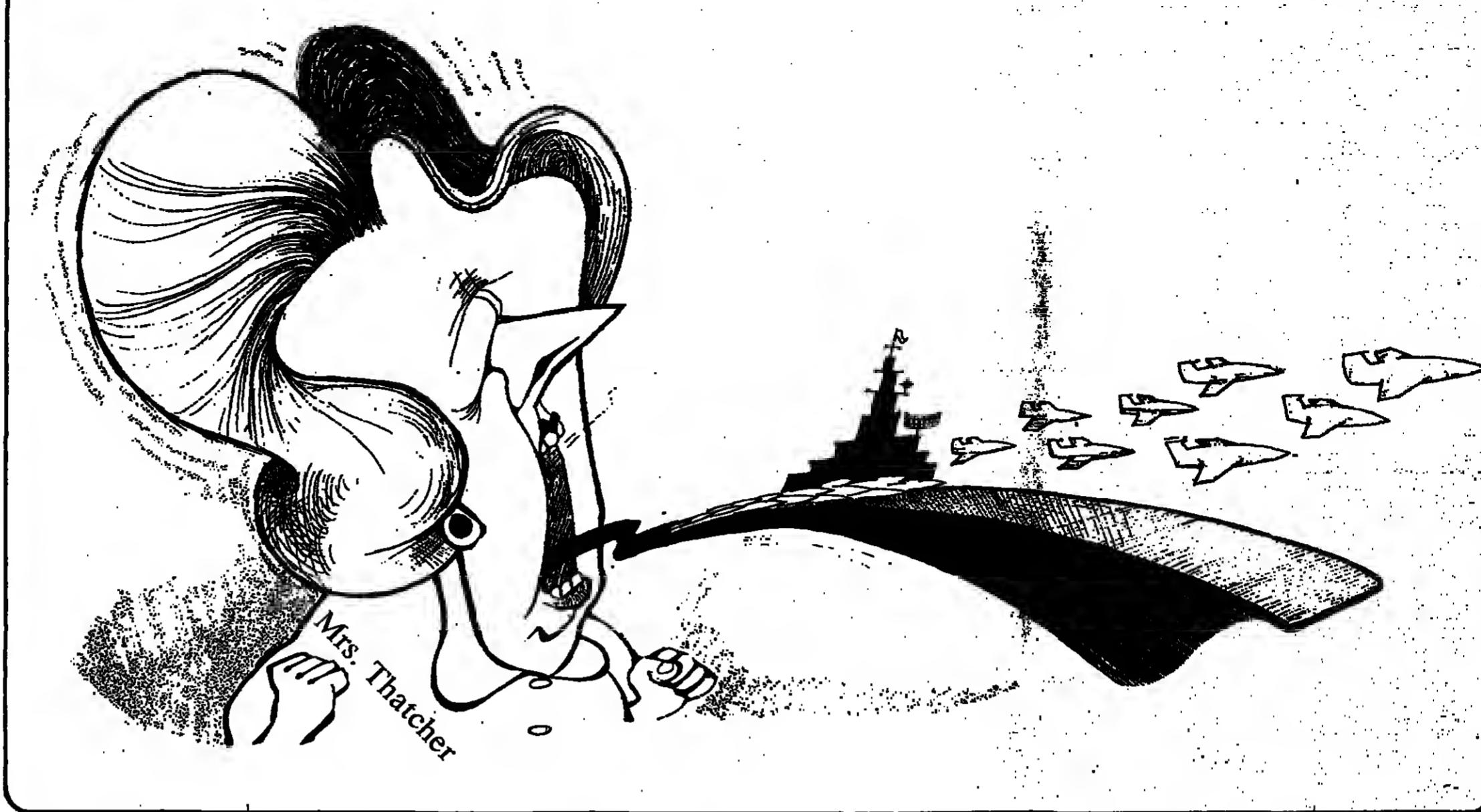
support to its brothers, "free from any propaganda or mean purpose."

"Moreover, it showed the Kingdom's determination to back Arabs and Muslims in all eventualities."

Commenting on Argentina's takeover of the Falklands from Britain and the British Navy's steaming to the South Atlantic, *Al-Jazirah* said, "All peace-loving nations are watching with great concern the outcome of peaceful efforts to contain the dispute within the framework of the U.N. Charter and International law."

The paper expressed hope that there would be a peaceful settlement between Britain and Argentina on the Falklands dispute.

Moreover, it said the United Nations had so far failed to find a peaceful settlement for the Middle East issue as a result of "the superpowers' game in the region which tended to obstruct any efforts to contain the Middle East crisis." (SPA)



Falklands invasion presents Reagan with dilemma

By Robert Cheeshyre

WASHINGTON —

An enormous gust of goodwill toward the British swept round the United States last week after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's tough response to the invasion of the Falklands.

At last, the man on the sidewalk was saying, someone has shown determination to protect national honor and fight for the flag. Behind that sentiment lurks the frustration of a superpower which may have the capability to destroy the world, but in practice cannot flex its muscles to resolve even the smallest of local difficulties.

Comparisons are being made between Mrs. Thatcher's decisive action and the long ordeal of the Iranian hostages. The popular anger in Britain is fully understood by people who fumed impotently for 18 months while their diplomats were humiliated.

The washed-out "Brits" have suddenly been transformed into "our oldest ally", and what might have been mocked as a neocolonial adventure is being viewed as gritty determination.

All of which might lead one to believe that President Ronald Reagan would give little difficulty making up his mind over which side to support when faced with a choice between a government that has hacked him consistently and a country ruled by a military dictatorship which enjoys the worst human rights record in Latin America.

Certainly the United States backed Britain's U.N. resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of Argentine forces, and certainly Reagan pleaded in vain for the Argentines not to attack, but beyond that the president's reticence is that of a man sorely embarrassed by what he sees as a pragmatic rather than a moral dilemma. It is as if the high fence that surrounds the White House had been diverted to run through the Oval Office and that Reagan has left his desk to sit astride it.

"It is," he declared boldly, speaking to reporters in that very Oval Office, "a very difficult situation for the United States because we are friends with both of the countries engaged in this dispute. We stand ready to do anything we can to help them, and what we hope for, and would like to help in doing, is have a peaceful resolution of this with no forceful action or bloodshed."

With that unexceptional statement Reagan rested his case, and his administration officials have taken due note. The Pentagon spoke of not taking sides between friends, and U.S. officials were reported as "working behind the scenes to prevent a clash that could have serious consequences for

American policy by forcing the administration to choose sides."

Whatever the normal popularity of the British in the United States, one would have to make a very long journey to find anyone with a good word to say about the Argentines. Not only are they supposed

to sustain an evil regime, but they are also close trading partners with the Soviet Union: Argentina is the country that torpedoed Carter's grain embargo against the Russians at the time of the invasion of Afghanistan by supplying the grain the Americans had cut off.

Dispute raises dangerous issues

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer is the director for Research and Training in New York. He is on leave as a professor of International Law at New York University Law School.)

By Thomas Franck

The Falkland Islands may be small, underpopulated and remote, but the issues raised by the conflict over their possession are transcendent, immediate and dangerous. At one level, what is at stake is approximately 6,000 craggy square miles (an area slightly larger than Connecticut) in the remote Southwest Atlantic and a chunk of continental shelf that may contain oil.

At a more profound level, the dispute raises questions, the answers to which may determine whether mankind survives by wit and discretion or extinguishes itself in a fit of pique.

The first issue is basic to human rights and peace: May a population be transferred from one "owner" to another against its will, like a chessboard player? On this, the United Nations Charter and International Law are absolutely clear. Self-determination is a basic right of all peoples and a cornerstone of friendly relations among nations. The charter does not say that colonies or colonies may not choose to remain that way, provided they are so free.

In its challenge to Britain, Argentina is not the first country to assert a right of "historic title" to a territory taken from it a century or two ago.

There are only about 1,800 people living in the Falklands. Does that make a difference? Nowhere in the U.N. Charter, or in International Law generally, is the right of self-determination limited to large populations. Logically, such a line is virtually impossible to draw. What about Djibouti (population 65,000), St. Vincent (90,000), the Seychelles (50,000) or Belize (120,000)? All these former colonies have freely determined their future by choosing independence.

In only two instances has self-determination of a population been denied — one being the case of Spanish Sahara, the other East Timor; a former Portuguese colony annexed by Indonesia, also in 1975. In both cases, there has been severe fighting and bloodshed ever since.

Clearly the U.N. Charter is right: respect for self-determination is the cornerstone of peaceful relations among nations. Even more important is the charter's principle that states refrain from the use of threat or force in their international relations. It is this fundamental rule that the Security Council reiterated last week when it overwhelmingly demanded that Argentina immediately withdraw all its forces from the islands.

Unfortunately, the prohibition on unilateral use of force has been eroding ever since the charter's adoption in 1945, and with frightening acceleration in the last five years. Among the precursors to the Falklands takeover, we can count the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia, the Soviet Union's seizure of Afghanistan, Israel's air strike against Iraq's nuclear reactor and Iran's capture of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Mankind is perched precariously on a thin ledge of civilization overhanging a dark chasm. That ledge is supported by nothing more than the gradual accretion of a public belief that certain kinds of conduct are simply unthinkable, that some options must never be exercised under any circumstances.

Each time a state takes the law into its own hands — whether in a good or bad cause — it makes the unthinkable thinkable, thereby destroying another buttress supporting civilization's frail ledge.

Once a violent option has been exercised, the process of making the unthinkable once again unthinkable is rather like putting toothpaste back into the tube. A first step, however, is for the international community to rally behind the violated principle and restate it as forcefully as possible. That, at least, the United Nations has done. — (LAT)

Will EEC reactivate Middle East initiative?

Menahem Begin and members of his cabinet. Mitterrand would appear to be a new recruit to the Palestinian cause.

Plans for a new Middle East initiative have been discussed by the EEC-Ten heads of government at their last summit meeting, but it was agreed that no further action would be taken until after withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Sinai on April 25. Significantly, the Palestine issue has been one of the few foreign policy matters upon which all ten Common Market governments have been in complete agreement.

There can be no doubt that all the EEC foreign ministers are firmly convinced that the U.S.-backed Camp David talks can go no further, because of Israeli intransigence and their unwillingness to consider anything other than granting the minimum of power to the Palestinians. After the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai it is believed that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will join his Arab brothers and disengage from further U.S.-Israeli involvement.

The EEC ministers' renewed interest in the problems of the Middle East is itself a reflection of the gradual change in Western European public opinion over the Arab-Israeli dispute. In some measure this has been due to the increased activity of Arab embassies and the Palestine Liberation Organization offices in European countries and because of events in the occupied West Bank.

Alongside this the unstable and maniacal actions and policies of Begin including his vitriolic attacks on European leaders have all helped to add to the dramatic move of opinion against Israel. This swing of opinion within the European Community has been responsible for the increasing *de facto* recognition of the PLO which now has representative offices in almost all of the Common Market capitals. The varying degrees of recognition range from full diplomatic status in Athens to public relations officers working with the assistance of other Arab countries.

It is understood that this point was put forward by French President Mitterrand during his recent official visit to Israel, much to the annoyance of

cent civilians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip have brought into sharp focus for many Europeans the true depth of feeling and frustration of the ordinary Palestinians. For the past 15 years Israeli propagandists have been successful in putting over a false image to the world that a majority of people in the occupied territories were leading a happy life.

The brutal events of recent weeks have exposed the truth of the Israeli military occupation for the cruel, oppressive tyranny that it really is.

Because of these important changes in recent months the Venice declaration, which committed the EEC to the demand for Palestinian self-determination (including by implication the right to statehood) and the call for the PLO to be included in future talks on the peace-making process, is no longer the controversial document it was then. Former British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and the West German foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the authors of the plan, have argued that it is now substantially obsolete.

It is expected that President Reagan during his forthcoming visit to Europe will be sounded out to lead his government's support to the new proposals. And although there is no love lost between U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, and a number of his European counterparts, it has been known for some time that he can see no further mileage to be gained from the Camp David accords after the Israeli evacuation of Sinai. He would not be opposed to an attempt at a Euro-American approach to the problem.

One of the main fears of some EEC leaders is that the Reagan administration has a tendency to view the Middle East as an East-West strategic battleground which has largely obscured the issue of justice for the Palestinians. In the context of this strategic battle the Palestinian issue has been pushed into the background. It took Haig 13 months to appoint a special Middle East negotiator, Richard Fairbanks.

If Reagan can be persuaded to lend his support to

Today is Monday, April 12th, the 102nd day of 1982. There are 263 days left in the year.

Highlights in History on this date:

1621 — French forces under Louis XIII set out to crush Huguenot rebellion.

1654 — Ireland and Scotland are united with England.

1815 — Austria declares war on Joachim Murat, King of Naples, for occupying Rome.

1945 — U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt dies at age 63, and Harry S. Truman is sworn in to succeed him.

1961 — The Soviet Union puts first man in space. Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin makes safe landing.

1975 — Cambodia's Premier Long Boret announces that military government is in charge in his country and will continue fighting Communists.

1980 — U.S. Olympic Committee votes to boycott summer Olympic Games in Moscow in response to Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

1981 — U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on first test flight, with astronauts Robert Crippen and John Young aboard.

Thought for today:

Vocal indignation

Japanese complain they lack space, sunlight, greenery

By Tracy Dahlby

TOKYO, (LAT) — At the elbow bend of the Sumida, the river that flows through Tokyo's eastern flank, lies a neighborhood called "The Garden of a Hundred Flowers" where Sadamitsu Ishii lives with his wife and two teen-age sons.

Ishii, a history buff, says that in the days of the country's Samurais rulers the area was the haunt of some of Japan's most celebrated men of letters. It was also one of the city's flourishing entertainment districts where the warrior elite and rich townsmen thronged the teahouses.

Today a little over a century later, the charm of that bygone era has vanished and Ishii's neighborhood is a warren of over-crowded, tawdry apartment blocks and ramshackle houses that may fit more the foreign visitor's image of a slum district in a large American city than the capital of this economic superpower of 117 million people.

According to a recent government survey, 38 percent of those polled expressed strong dissatisfaction with their accommodations and a larger number griped about the shoddy quality of construction and lack of space, sunlight and greenery.

Today, in a country where the overall quality of life is among the world's highest, the average family of four lives in only three rooms, covering an area of roughly 700 square feet, or about the size of an American efficiency.

The housing crunch has touched off an outcry among a growing number of Japanese who complain that the government in the postwar period has pursued policies that have pumped the country's rapidly accumulating wealth into the expansion and upgrading of industry at the expense of better homes.

Meanwhile, critics in the United States and Western Europe have charged that Japan has piled up devastating surpluses with its major trading partners while its leadership has allowed most Japanese to live in what even the Japanese now self-mockingly refer to as "rabbit hutches."

Japanese in the densely populated urban centers put up with housing conditions that are among the worst in the industrialized world.

"Viewed from the outside," said Ishii, 45, whose yearly income of \$18,000 qualifies him as a member of Japan's burgeoning middle class, "Japan is an economic giant. But if you look at family budgets and housing conditions many people are just getting by." Like many Americans, the Japanese have

scrapped and saved to pursue the postwar dream of owning their own homes. At only about 8 1/2 percent commercial mortgage rates here are almost ridiculously low compared to those in the United States. But the dream has become an increasingly impossible one in the face of skyrocketing land and construction costs that have nearly quadrupled over the past decade.

In Tokyo, by most standards the world's most expensive city, buying a home remains an outrageously expensive proposition. A square foot of land in one of the city's hustling commercial districts may sell for \$1,500 and a small, cheaply built home in the suburbs cost upward of \$160,000 or nearly eight times the average worker's yearly earnings. A modest, Western-style home that approaches American suburban standards may carry a price tag of \$750,000 or more.

In the face of strong and mounting trade complaints, editorials in the Japanese press have recently suggested that the government embark on a belated program to spend significantly more official funds to enhance housing and public recreational facilities.

To theory at least, this would help boost Japan's slumping domestic economy and relieve some of the pressure on exports as the major prop for business activity here. Hampered by huge budgetary deficits, however, Tokyo has committed itself to a new fiscal austerity drive and has resisted pressure to expand government-sponsored housing subsidies.

In 1981, a decline in workers' real incomes and escalating construction costs resulted in only 1.2 million new housing starts, the lowest in nearly 15 years. Naoki Nagao, an executive at Toku Real Estate Co., illustrated the doomsday outlook in the industry here by pointing to the 20,000 newly built condominium apartments in Tokyo alone which are now vacant, he said, largely because no one can afford to buy them.

In Japan, a string of volcanic islands with a land area roughly the combined size of Virginia and the Carolinas, living space has always been tight because of the rugged mountains and rocky terrain that make only about a quarter of the country fit for human habitation.

In recent years, the government has stepped in to free more land for residential use in such swarming cities as Tokyo by razing urban areas to encourage the relocation of factories and farm plots beyond city limits. These efforts have met with only limited success, however, because Nagao explained, "landowners don't want to sell their

Ishii considers himself lucky, though,



QUIET RIVER: Nijubashi Bridge near the Imperial Palace. Despite this image of a high quality of life, many Japanese complain about crowded neighborhoods and limited space.

property when they think the value will only climb in the future."

Another recent survey indicates that nearly two-thirds of all Japanese households now own their homes. But as the costs have soared, many younger Japanese have given up on putting money aside to buy homes. Instead, they have begun to fritter away an increasingly larger portion of the country's traditionally high rate of savings on clothes, cars, entertainment and travel.

Step into Ishii's manshon, or "mansion," as the Japanese euphemistically refer to the typical steel-and-concrete apartment building here, and you will find three tiny, pin-neat rooms, covering an area 18 feet by 18 feet.

In an alcove near the entrance is a narrow kitchen counter with a two-burner hotplate where Mrs. Ishii does the cooking for her family of four. There is a color television, a miniature washing machine and refrigerator and a host of other high-quality Japanese consumer gadgets crammed into the apartment that gives it the appearance of cramped living quarters on a space station.

There is no central heating or air conditioning and no closet space to speak of. Now that her two teen-age sons are getting bigger, Mrs. Ishii said, "I get the feeling that we're constantly bumping into each other."

Mr. Ishii, who rents the apartment for a little over \$300 a month, said, "we've already given up on owning our own home. Even if we could buy a new condominium it would cost at least \$100,000 and we'd only have one more room. Who wants to buy a hunk of concrete anyway?"

Ishii considers himself lucky, though,



HEAVY TRAFFIC: Congested traffic patterns in downtown Tokyo are shown in this night photograph. The blur of neon lights indicates the modern departure from traditional Japan.

German U-boat depicted in movie

Life aboard a submarine was full of peril, fear

By Joseph P. Mastrangelo

WASHINGTON (WP) — I was in my bunk when the first torpedo hit. It was May 20, 1942, aboard the freighter *S.S. Lord Calvert* in the Caribbean. Before the sound of the explosion faded, I had pulled on a pair of dungarees, grabbed a T-shirt and headed barefooted for my battle station. The general alarm sounded as a second torpedo took away our stern, demolishing the ship's propellers, the afterdeck gun and her crew. We lay dead in the water as a third torpedo blew a giant hole amidships.

We had been hit by a German U-boat — the kind depicted in the new, acclaimed film *Das Boot*. As the movie testifies, life aboard a sub is fraught with peril and fear. I can testify to this myself, having served most of World War II aboard a submarine in the South Pacific.

"Rig ship for dive" is the order that seals you off from the world. Hatchets are secured and it is the last time you will see the outside for a month or more. On watch, you remain tense at your station; alert for danger — an enemy sub, a floating mine — that will require a deeper dive. The feeling of utter solitude though there is no place to be by yourself, the unrelenting sense of danger, bring the crew together. As time passes, ever so slowly, you become pale, drawn, weak, tense. Armed with torpedoes, you can snuff out life quickly, brutally. Or you can be snuffed out. You wonder who the ordeal will end, how it will end.

"Whoa! hit by an enemy sub, as we were on the *Calvert*, you did one thing — you moved. Everyone rushed to his battle station. You wanted to return fire, but you didn't know where. You fought the feeling of helplessness, terror. After the third explosion on the *Calvert*, abandon ship was sounded.

There was a lifeboat about 50 yards away. I struck out for her and was helped aboard. Drenched, I found a seat on the outside. Wondering, worrying, we searched for other survivors.

The *Calvert*, only her upper decks now out of water, gave off a loud, deep rumbling death rattle and sank below the surface. The wide deep woosh of her undertow sucked the scattered debris down with her.

Only the steady low groan of a wounded seaman and the soft lapping of waves touching the sides of the lifeboat broke the quiet. And then...

At our first sighting it could have been about a half mile away. Her black and dull slate gray bow poked through the surface from her hiding place beneath the sea. Low in the water, mean-looking, rusted in places, she moved toward us like a tired sea monster stalking her prey for the kill.

As they came closer, we could see that, from the captain on the bridge to the sailors on deck, they were young, pale-looking from long months under the sea, barefooted, naked to the waist, their dungarees faded and worn. They stood frozen, legs spread wide against the roll of the deck. They were holding long automatic weapons, pointed at us.

fear of dashing against the reef in the dark. We landed early in the morning on a small offshore island where suspicious villagers stood at a distance and stared. Some of the men held rifles, their fingers on the triggers.

But toward dusk, two lean, darkly tanned U.S. soldiers rode into town on horseback from a coastal battery somewhere and identified us as American survivors. Hostility disappeared and the natives shared a meal of fish heads and rice. That night we sat in an open cantina, listening to music from a crystal set.

Back in the States, I went on 30-day survival leave, then reported for shore duty in East Boston. I was assigned to a funeral detail.

Following that, duty on an offshore patrol craft, a paider-over former Gloucester fishing boat, did not satisfy my dreams of action. While ashore in Key West one night, I ran into a home-town buddy who wore two dolphins on his sleeve — the symbol of a submariner, he told me. Except for the U-boat, I had no idea what a submarine was. He took me to his; it was cramped, but he talked of action. He also said there was a 50 percent bonus in your paycheck. I put in for a transfer to submarines. My acceptance came through a week later.

Shortly I was serving in the South Pacific, waging war against the Japanese.

The patrols were long and dull — until contact was made. Then we could strike. Then came the fear. Fear of discovery. It came during the depth-charge attacks against us, in the eerieess of the dull lights from the battle lanterns, the severe heat and lack of

oxygen, feeling the closeness to death at each ear-splitting explosion. Then dead silence. Then up above, the sound of churning propellers — chug, chug, chug, chug — the enemy searching us out, coming closer. Often, we were passed by.

Once we sank a Japanese ship with two well-placed torpedo hits. Now it was the escort's turn to come after us. Our motors would kick ahead softly as we sought a lower depth. It could go on for hours, this game, all in dead silence, with oxygen so low a cigarette couldn't be kept burning, the intense heat reaching 100 degrees or more. We'd sit in our skivvies only, and waited.

We'd hear the chug-chugging again, louder, closer, the crack of the depth charge. Then, blam, blam, blam. The vibrations would shake a hub from a socket. You'd make a quick move to catch it before it crashed to the deck. No luck. Would they hear it? The voice, quiet on the speaker system, would intone, "Damage-control crew to forward torpedo room." In some insane way, the paraphernalia carried by the damage control men would seem funny: A canvas bag filled with corks and a wooden mallet to plug up the holes.

Only the guys in the control room knew what was going on, how deep we were. Mere thoughts could paralyze you: the thought of a rivet loosened in the hull and blown out like a pistol shot — the pressure from a stream of water could put a hole right through a man.

How many escorts up there, you wondered. Subs had surfaced to fight it out with one and found a second lying still in the water, waiting to move in for a kill.

Under 'awards' imagery, debts plague Hollywood

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES (LOS) — Behind the cheers, tears and self-congratulatory rites of the annual academy awards show lay a very different story. Hollywood, the dream factory, is reeling from a year of costly flops, management turmoil, labor unrest, dwindling profits from network television and huge studio losses in film production. Executives are loath to admit it, but of the 80-odd films released by major studios last year, about 10 have turned a profit.

For many movie people at last week's overblown, overlong Oscar ritual, the triumph of Britain's *Chariots of Fire*, made for a modest \$5 million, was the final insult of a year devoid of fond memories.

"When I came to Hollywood, long ago," said former Warners producer Steve Greene, "people told stories of pizza palace waiters who rose to be ace producers with homes in the Hollywood hills. From the Hollywood hills today, the pizza business looks real good. I'd open a place myself if I had the money."

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer — facing a crushing debt of \$675 million — typifies the industry's financial troubles. Two years ago MGM mogul Kirk Kerkorian hired "ace" producer David Begelman, who is credited with saving Columbia Pictures from bankruptcy in the 1970s, to restore Leo the Lion as monarch of the Hollywood jungle.

Today, Begelman — according to industry

insiders — is on the way out. Film after film from MGM has failed dismally at the box-office. A splashy musical called *Pennies From Heaven* that cost \$30 million to make and market has returned \$2.4 million. Of 10 Begelman productions that cost MGM \$160 million, just one has earned back its investment. MGM has lost over \$100 million on films which, a rival studio chief said last week, "looked like lousy money prospects from the start."

The usually astute Kerkorian, lord of the Las Vegas financiers, compounded MGM's problems by buying up ailing United Artists for \$380 million and assuming its \$235 million debt. A payment of \$109 million falls due in May and rumor has it that MGM will be unable to meet the deadline.

"KK always buys when things are bad," said his top aide, James Aljian. Things looked very bad at U.A. Although staggering from a \$40 million loss on the disastrous *Heaven's Gate Epie*, the old studio did possess a valuable library of 2,500 films for sale to the booming home video market.

It has been takeover time in Hollywood. Columbia fell to Coca-Cola, primarily for the value of its real estate, and its big film library. There's no sign of increased film production.

Twentieth Century Fox went to Deover oil tycoon Marvin Davis, who plans to bulldoze the entire historic back lot to make way for office buildings.

Overall, box office revenues are down by 10 percent. That means hard times for actors, writers and directors. In some craft unions, unemployment stands at 50 percent.

Even the grandest of Hollywood stars have their woes. Robert Redford was told to come up with co-financing for a pet project. Raquel Welch was busily fired from an MGM set for making prima donna demands, replaced by an unknown.

Wunderkind directors of yesteryear, such as Francis Ford Coppola, who three years back could do no wrong now complain studio chiefs will not return their calls.

American films are doing poorly abroad, too: industry analysts say income from foreign markets is off 15-20 percent.

If America isn't going to the movies, what is it doing for entertainment? Industry analysts say the prime audience, the 12 to 29 age group, is spending fantastic sums on the new video arcade games. Others wait for new films to appear on a welter of newly-available cable TV services.

A handful of film — usually light, frothy entertainments — still draw massive audiences. *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, a comic-book adventure, has grossed a whopping \$100 million since release last summer. *Superman II* did almost as well. But the writing on Hollywood's wall remains gloomy.

Even the Oscar award circus, which has captivated American TV audiences since the 1950s, is slipping. This year's telecast had its

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WHEN MAKING A SLOW-RUNNING ADJUSTMENT TO A CARBURETOR (FIXED-JET TYPE SUCH AS A SOLEX, WEBER OR ZENITH) —

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2. SEE THAT THE POINTS GAP IS CORRECT.
3. MAKE SURE THE AIR CLEANER IS FAIRLY CLEAN.
4. HAVE THE ENGINE AT NORMAL OPERATING TEMP.

THE ADJUSTMENT IS MADE ON TWO SCREWS

A. SLOW-RUNNING ADJUSTMENT SCREW OR THROTTLE STOP.

B. THE VOLUME CONTROL SCREW. THIS VARIES THE PETROL/AIR MIXTURE DRAWN INTO THE ENGINE WHEN IT IS IDLING.

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SLOWRUNNING ADJUSTMENT

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3. READJUST THE S.R.A. SCREW (A) TO GIVE THE BEST IDLING SPEED. DON'T TRY TO GET TOO LOW AN IDLING SPEED.

Sun-dried food packets limit vegetable losses

By Fakhruddin Iqbal

DACCA (Depthnews) — Bangladesh produces about 2.5 million tons of 25 major varieties of vegetables and about 1.3 million tons of 13 kinds of fruits every year. Along the *haor* (wet lake) in the northeastern district of Sylhet, to Mymensingh in the northwest, down the shallow coastal waters of the Bay of Bengal, fishermen also dry about 25,000 tons of fish every year. They dry their catch — worth more than 500 million taka (about \$27 million) — under the sun.

Because of the lack of proper preservation facilities, most of these perishable goods are lost through spoilage or infection during exposed sun-drying.

The Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council (BARC) estimates that about one-third of the country's total potato production of 300,000 tons worth 600 million taka (\$32 million) is wasted each year. About 1.3 million tons of vegetables are also wasted each year.

In the traditional method of sun-drying fish, experts say about 25 percent of the catches are easily wasted. The problem is sure

to increase with the expected three million tons of fish production from 1980-85.

While there are about 90 cold storage plants (with total preservation capacity of 100,000 tons) in the country, most are privately owned. Because of inadequate facilities, prices of some commodities have risen. For instance, early last year, one *hali* (about four big mangoes) were sold at 80-100 taka (\$4-\$5). Ten years back, it would have cost 16-20 taka (86 cents-\$1).

To alleviate the problems of food preservation, the Food Science and Technology Division of the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) has devised a solar drying method which can replace traditional drying. At the same time, the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) is encouraging establishment of modern fruit canning and preservation units on a small scale.

Dr. K.M. Qudusur Rahman of BCSIR said that sun-dried seasonal fruits and vegetables can be preserved in simple plastic bags for about a year with their food value unaffected. September to March is the ideal



Solar Tent-Drier

period for sun-drying.

Open air sun-drying is a popular age-old technique. But recent researches have improved the old ways which were suscepti-

ble to insect infection, dust contamination, color changes, pest attacks, and excessive loss of vitamins as well as flavor.

While fast processing is necessary for perishable goods, researchers also insist that processing must progress step-by-step to retain food value. For instance, before sun-drying, peeled and sliced fruits and vegetables are blanched, or cooked in steam or hot water for 4-5 minutes. Blanching activates enzymes responsible for undesirable color and flavor when dried products are stored.

After blanching, sulphur is also required to check browning and blackening. Sulphur dioxide helps retain up to half of the original Vitamin C content of fruits, for instance, and more than 60 percent of the B-carotene in the dried product.

Dr. Rahman says that solar-dried and processed fruits and vegetables are comparable in quality and price to fresh ones. In fact, he said, canned, bottled or frozen foods are much costlier. So much so that sun-dried food packets can even help feed millions during emergencies.

Bangladesh is also eyeing the establishment of modern canning plants but on a small scale. Most Dacca-based fruit processing units, for instance, use manual methods which can hardly meet growing market demands. Already, the BSCIC is encouraging potential entrepreneurs to invest in semi-mechanized fruit processing.

According to BSCIC estimates, a semi-mechanized unit would cost about \$12,000 with a production capacity of 1,000 pounds per day. The solar-drying plant can be set up at about \$4,500 and by non-technical persons.

The BSCIC offers 90 percent long-term credit and technical assistance. And officials say that while several units have already been established, investors are also increasingly becoming responsive.

World teeters on brink of environmental crisis

By Lester Brown and Pamela Shaw

WASHINGTON (Depthnews) The world is on the edge of an environmental crisis that is undermining the global economy. Regardless of the level of development or the type of government, policy-makers everywhere are having difficulty formulating economic programs that work. The reason is the changing relationship between ourselves, now numbering 4.4 billion, and the environment and resources supporting us.

The basic biological systems — forests, grasslands, fisheries and croplands — that supply our food and many of the raw materials for industry are deteriorating in much of the world. Failure to recognize and respect the carrying capacity of these environmental support systems is leading to economic stresses that may become unmanageable. Deforestation, for instance, is reducing firewood and lumber supplies, driving the cost of cooking fuel upward in Third World villages, and the cost of housing upward everywhere.

Environmental crises are not new. Archeological sites on every continent are littered with the remains of civilizations unable to cope with environmental degradation. The difference today is the rate and scale: pressures that once accumulated over centuries, or even millennia, are now compressed into decades.

During the growth-dominated third quarter of this century, the world became accustomed to short-term rates of growth, neglecting the longer term effects. Few stopped to calculate, for instance, that a 3 percent annual rate of population growth leads to a 19-fold increase in a century. It is now clear that between 1960 and 1976 — as world population went from three billion to four billion — human demands began to outrun the sustainable yield of the basic biological systems that support the global economy.

The amount of wood harvested per person worldwide peaked in 1964, for example. Since then, it has fallen some 11 percent. By the late '60s and early '70s, overfishing was contributing to the collapse of some of the world's most important fishing sites, ranging from the haddock fishery in the North Atlantic to the primary anchovy area off western Latin America.

The impact of the global economic slowdown will be greatest in countries where population growth is most rapid. A fall in the economic growth rate to 2 percent per year does not pose any problem in Sweden (where incomes will still rise by some 2 percent per year), but will wreak havoc in Pakistan (where population is still expanding by 3 percent or more per year).

The population growth in store for some countries is phenomenal. India is projected to add nearly another billion people to its 1980 population before stabilizing at 1.64 billion. Bangladesh and Pakistan are expected to increase from their current 89 million and 82 million, respectively, to 314 million and 332 million. If all these projections hold true, the Indian subcontinent would be home to 2.3 billion people — more than the entire world population of 1940.

The keys to meeting the timetable are China and India. China, whose population accounts for one-third of the developing world, already has a birth rate of 18. India's 1980 birth rate was estimated to be 34 per thousand. Combined then, India and China have a 1980 birth rate of 24, already well below the target of 26 for 1990.

Together with industrial countries — which should have a stationary population by the 2000 — world population growth rate would reach 1.1 percent by 1990. Still, much remains to be done:

Protecting the Cropland — The soil erosion which undermined agricultural production in many countries importing from the U.S. and Canada today threatens productivity in the North American breadbasket itself. U.S. Department of Agriculture data show 34 percent of the U.S. is losing topsoil so fast that the Soil Conservation Service recommends 17 million acres be converted to grassland or woodland.

Croplands are also threatened by the conversion of agricultural lands to other uses. In Southern China, factories are being built on land that for generations yielded two rice harvests annually. Careful land-use planning and restrictions needed, like in Japan, the only country with comprehensive zoning nationwide. To day, its 117 million people crammed on a land smaller than California, Japan manages to produce an exportable surplus of rice, the national food staple.

Reforesting the Earth — Each year, all users of wood products in one form or another, increase by the equivalent of the population of Mexico and Central America combined. And each year, the land in forest shrinks by an area the size of Hungary. With about 40 percent of the world's population using wood as primary fuel, surveys made in Tanzania, Thailand and elsewhere show village firewood consumption ranging from one to two tons per person annually.

Recycling Throwaways — The energy required to recycle aluminum is only 4 percent of that required to produce it from bauxite, the original raw material. Recycling materials thus increases an economy's energy efficiency, as well as solving waste disposal problems.

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

PAIN
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NECK

By Peter J.
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studies are going on in several cancer centers under the direction of the National Cancer Institute (Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York City, Mayo Clinic, Etc.).

Unfortunately, the results in treating about 200 cancer patients will not be available for at least two to three years. This is a long time for your friend to wait for help, Mrs. Z., but no definite conclusion can be reached earlier.

MEDICALETTES
(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steinicrohn: I know I need a hysterectomy. I have been suffering from bleeding fibroids. But I'm shopping for a surgeon who has a reputation for leaving small scars. — Mrs. K.

Dear Mrs. K.: First things first. Better search, with your own doctor's help, for a surgeon with a reputation for doing good surgery — not for one who has developed a following because he leaves small scars.

Although the good surgeon doesn't carelessly leave larger scars than necessary, his first consideration is to have ample operative visibility.

Leaving very small scars sometimes indicates that the surgeon has worked with limited ability.

For Mrs. Y.: The AMA urges doctors to stop smoking. Its Council on Scientific Affairs asks doctors to increase their activities against smoking by: 1. Not smoking. 2. Discouraging smoking by patients. 3. Alerting smokers to health hazards. 4. Placing NO SMOKING signs in waiting rooms. 5. Discouraging smoking in hospitals where they work.

Tomorrow: When to retire

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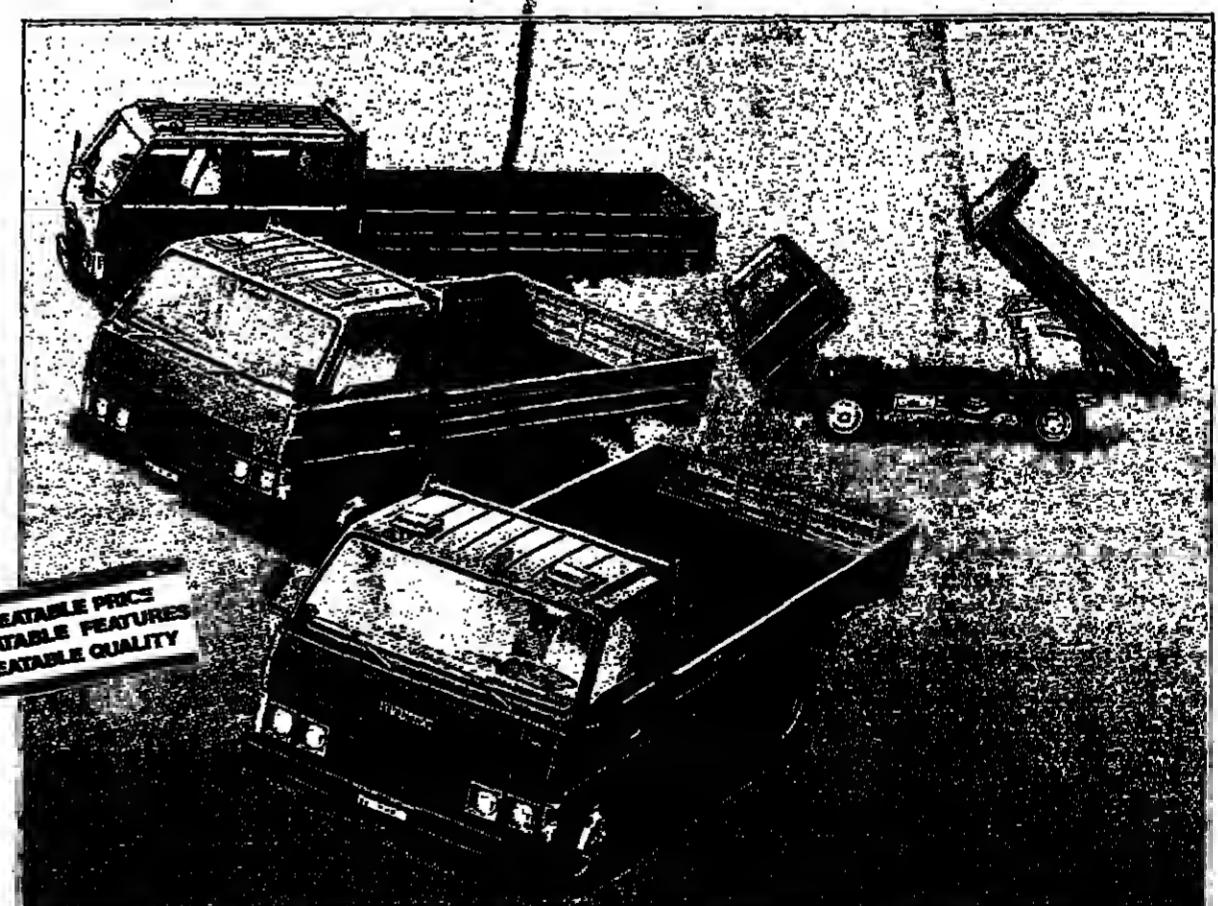


The Saudiia overhaul center for Rolls-Royce engines serving Tristar and Boeing 747 aircraft got underway last week with a \$45 million contract award to the British aircraft engine manufacturer. Page 9

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Brezhnev may agree to meeting Reagan

MOSCOW, April 11 (Agencies) — A high-ranking Soviet official was quoted Saturday by a visiting group of Americans as saying President Leonid Brezhnev was likely to accept U.S. President Ronald Reagan's offer to meet in New York in June.

However, the Americans said the official, a senior member of the policy-making Communist Party central committee who asked not to be identified by name, emphasized that no final decision has yet been made and expressed wariness about the proposal.

Reagan told reporters in Washington last Monday that he would address a United Nations disarmament conference in New York in June, and suggested that Brezhnev do the same. Asked if he would like to meet with Brezhnev after the U.N. arms control sessions, Reagan said: "Naturally. A head of state is here in our own country. I would very much think that he and I would have a meet-

Europe urged to protest U.S. missiles

MOSCOW, April 11 (AFP) — The Soviet Communist Party central committee Sunday called on Europeans to "vigorously protest the deployment of American nuclear weapons in Europe" in Labor Day parades May 1.

Observers here described the statement as part of a Soviet publicity offensive over the past few months aimed at encouraging European pacifist movements into working to prevent deployment of U.S. Pershing and Cruise missiles in the European theater.

In classic party terms, the statement called on the people of the world to revolt against "imperialism, militarism and revenge." It called on all people to "stop the arms race, let us improve on detente and eliminate the threat of war" in favor of "peace, security and cooperation in Europe."

Without naming China, the statement went on to encourage the people of Asia to "fight imperialism, neo-colonialism and hegemonism."

The statement greeted in turn "our heroic brothers" the Vietnamese people, "the courageous people of Laos and Cambodia," the Afghan people "who are firmly defending the gains of the April revolution" and African countries "which have chosen the road to socialism."

The Arab population was "warmly saluted" for "fighting Israeli aggression and the imperialist diktat." Soviet-Arab ties should be strengthened, the statement said, concluding with a special reference to "the great Indian people" and the "friendship and cooperation" existing between Moscow and New Delhi.

Japanese integrate into Paris fashion world

PARIS, April 11 (AFP) — Half a dozen Japanese designers, including a woman, have gradually integrated into the exclusive French fashion world over the past 10 years, through sheer hard work and talent.

The most famous are Kenzo, Issey Miyake, Kimijana, and Yamamoto Kansai, while the woman, Hanae Mori, has established herself in the so-called "golden fashion triangle" between Christian Dior and Yves St. Laurent on the Avenue Montaigne.

Japanese designers still look on Paris as the center of world fashion. Japan's textile trade review *Sei Ken*, in a 1981 poll amongst 500 students at Japanese stylist schools, found that they still regarded Paris as the world fashion capital, ahead of New York and Milan.

The majority of young Japanese designers have only one aim — to work in Paris. They represent a good third of the students

Fate of vanishing' American remains a mystery

CAMERON HIGHLANDS, Malaysia, April 11 (AP) — The fate of a flamboyant American known as the "Silk King of Thailand" remains as much a mystery today as it was the day he vanished 15 years ago. Jim Thompson, who had introduced Thai silk to the world, disappeared from this mountain resort on March 26, 1967, while on a holiday with friends. He was declared legally dead in 1974.

The disappearance of the erstwhile intelligence operative, antique collector and businessman attracted international attention.

Theories about what happened range from the sinister to the bizarre: Some said he was kidnapped by business rivals or political foes. Others suggested he defected to China or went off on a secret mission. Still others said he might have been carried away by aborigines.

The incident inspired at least two books, several TV documentaries and countless newspaper articles. Even before his disappearance, two days before his 61st birthday,

Thompson's life had the makings of legend.

After graduating from Princeton in 1928, he worked as an architect in New York before entering the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the World War II forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency. According to published accounts, he parachuted into the jungles of Thailand during the Japanese occupation, reaching Bangkok just after the surrender in August 1945.

He went into business in Thailand after the war, first helping to revive Bangkok's famed Oriental Hotel and later organizing the Thai Silk Company.

Thompson taught weavers to produce brightly patterned silks under strict standards, for foreign buyers. He filled his unique home on the banks of a Bangkok canal with ancient stone statues, Chinese porcelains, and a priceless sixth-century Buddha. It remains one of the city's chief tourist attractions.

The last persons known to have seen Thompson alive were his hosts, Dr. and Mrs. T.G. Ling of Singapore, and another

house guest. They told police that they assumed he left "Moonlight Cottage" for a stroll.

The Tourist Association warns visitors not to walk alone in the jungle, which is full of steep ravines, tigers and hill tribesmen, some of whom carry poison darts. Aboriginal guides, Malaysian troops and U.S. Army helicopters then based in Thailand searched for 10 days without turning up any trace of Thompson. Unofficial search parties combed the area for months.

Local witch doctors, called Bonmohs, and foreign clairvoyants and mystics were consulted. The Thai silk company offered a \$10,000 reward, which it later increased to \$25,000 for information leading to Thompson's recovery.

Some who know the terrain say Thompson could have been killed in a fall and his body hidden in the thick undergrowth. Others suggested he was devoured by a tiger. Unconfirmed reports of strange cars with Thai license plates in the area that day sparked rumors that the silk king was kid-

napped for ransom or for political or business reasons.

Thompson was described as being in good spirits on the day he vanished, a somewhat absent-minded man in reasonable health except for gallstones. He called a small container of pills he carried for gallstone attacks his "jungle box." It was left behind along with his cigarettes and lighter. The Lings returned to Moonlight Cottage recently as puzzled as ever about the mystery.

"It was his third visit to our cottage," Mrs. Ling said in a recent interview in Singapore. "He knew the jungle and he would never have gone without his jungle box. This business of his being lost in the jungle is nonsense. Even if a tiger got him, there would have been remains such as a watch or shoes. Other experts agree with B. Richard Noone, British veteran of the area, who went into the jungle and spent several days talking with aborigines about Thompson. "I am fully convinced that Mr. Thompson is not lost in the jungle," Noone said.

Bid to defame French secret service seen

PARIS, April 11 (AP) — Top French officials are concerned about attempts to discredit the French secret service and disrupt its relations with U.S. intelligence agencies, the Socialist daily *Le Matin* said Saturday.

The paper which has close links with the ruling Socialist Party, said recurrent rumors that President Francois Mitterrand is suffering from a serious illness were also aimed at "destabilization." Mitterrand was given a clean bill of health in a recent medical check-up and the results were made public.

The paper said rumors had been spread that Francois de Grossouvre, a top member of Mitterrand's staff who supervises France's two secret service agencies, had been relieved of much of his responsibilities. It said that on the contrary, De Grossouvre had been given increased powers. The newspaper cited no sources but the story clearly came from sources at the presidential Elysee Palace.

Working closely with its new chief, Pierre Marion, De Grossouvre was said to have reorganized the external secret service, the Delegation Generale de la Security Exterieure (DGSE). The newspaper also said he had "partly" resolved a long-standing rivalry between the foreign service and the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST), the domestic counterespionage organization.

Le Matin said telephone callers claiming to be on De Grossouvre's line had asked Defense Ministry officials for secret information. It said the calls appeared to be "test runs for a system that could one day serve for a real attempt at destabilization."

It said U.S. military and intelligence officials were starting to worry about the rumors and were concerned that leaks might develop in the French intelligence system, with which they have excellent ties.

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French to foil rescue of Seychelles mercenaries

VICTORIA, Seychelles, April 11 (AFP) — Two French warships are anchored here in what is seen as a clear warning against any outside attempt to rescue seven persons whose trial on charges connected with last November's attempted coup is expected to be announced Monday.

France has a large fleet in the Indian Ocean, and is understood to have given military guarantees to the government of President Albert Rene, whose forces defeated the coup attempt launched on Nov. 25 by mercenaries recruited in South Africa.

The date of the trial of the seven was originally set for Tuesday. But it is expected to be postponed Monday, after Michael Hannon, the South African defense lawyer who represents all but one of the accused, makes a submission to Chief Justice Earl Seaton in the Supreme Court. Hannon is expected to ask for the adjournment when his clients appear for a further remand in custody Monday.

Marin Dolincheck, who has been alleged to be a South African national intelligence officer, is the only one undefended. Local authorities believe he is trying to win sympathy by his habit of making sensational statements every time he appears in court.

His wife Cendrina, who arrived Saturday night from South Africa, will be in court Monday to see him, and is trying to obtain permission to visit him in prison.

Aboard the same plane was a group of South African lawyers from the trial of 43 other alleged mercenaries currently taking place in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa.

BRIEFS

MOSCOW (AFP) — A grandmother has become the Soviet Union's oldest living inhabitant at the age of 141, but still has a few years to go to break official Soviet records. The grandmother, identified only as Mrs. Apruz, lives in the Republic of Azerbaijan, where records show Shirali Gassanova died at 153. Sanam Guseinova at 154. Mahmoud Eitasov at 155. Kiamalhan Alieva at 158 and Shlindri Myslimova at 168.

WHITE PLAINS, New York (AFP) — A 26-year-old Guatemalan has been convicted here of murdering 26 persons in a fire he set at the Stouffer's Inn here on Dec. 4, 1980. Luis Marin, an illegal immigrant employed by the hotel, could receive up to 26 death sentences. The New York state court jury deliberated for 37 hours, spread over six days, before reaching the verdict on Saturday.

CARACAS (API) — Venezuelan security

police have captured a top leftist guerrilla and 10 other members of the outlawed Bandera Roja (red flag) revolutionary band, the official Venpres news agency reported Saturday.

Gabriel Puerto Aponte, a Bandera Roja leader who has been sought by authorities for three years, was arrested in an apartment in the Montalban area of Caracas Friday evening.

Venpres said. A security police spokesman said that 10 other guerrillas had also been captured, the agency reported.

NEW YORK (R) — Police have recovered a missing truck containing paintings and sculpture from New York galleries valued at more than \$1 million. Some of the art works appeared damaged but none was missing, a police spokesman said. The works, mainly American, had been collected from 25 New York galleries for delivery to Chicago.

Russians attempting difficult Everest face

KATHMANDU, April 11 (R) — A Soviet expedition climbing Mount Everest has pitched a high altitude camp at 7,850 meters after battling fierce winds and heavy snow, the Nepalese Tourism Ministry said Sunday.

The Russians, making their first attempt on a Himalayan peak, plan to set up two more camps during the next two or three weeks before making an attempt on the 8,848-meter summit in mid-May. The Soviet climbers are battling their way up the steep and technically difficult southwest face of Everest.

The Chinese Embassy is closely watching the climb because the route will later take the Russians along a border ridge which straddles Nepal's northern frontier with China. The Russians are under Nepalese instructions not to step on or cross the ridge into China.



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Mean action, Baghdad says

Syria shuts off Iraq's oil flow

BEIRUT, April 11 (R) — Syria has shut down pipelines carrying Iraqi crude oil to the Mediterranean, cutting Iraq's oil exports by half at a time when it is reported to be suffering setbacks in its war with Iran.

The action Saturday came two days after Syria, which has supported Iran in the Gulf war, announced it was closing its border with Iraq, blocking off important routes for non-military supplies to Baghdad.

Syrian officials, who announced closure of the pipelines, gave no reason for the move. But Syria explained the border closure as a measure to stop sabotage from Iraqi territory. Iraq has denied the charge.

Last month, as Iranian forces launched a major offensive in the 18-month-old Gulf war, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam visited Tehran and signed agreements boosting economic cooperation between Syria and Iran.

Under one of the agreements, Iran was to sell Syria 175,000 barrels per day (bpd) of oil, guaranteeing Damascus an alternative to the crude supplied by Iraq through the pipelines.

Most of this went for export from terminals at Banias on the Syrian coast and Tripoli in Lebanon. But some was piped off for processing in a Syrian refinery at Banias. Industry sources said before the closure that Iraqi oil exports were running at one million bpd, down from more than three million before the war.

Foreign Exchange Rates

	Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Thursday		Transfers
	SAMA	Cash	
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.11	
Bangladeshi Taka	—	15.60	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	279.00	
Canadian Dollar	142.75	141.70	
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.50	128.00	
Egyptian Pound	—	3.75	
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.75	93.50	
French Franc (100)	54.75	54.35	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.50	54.30	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.45	
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	
Italian Lira (10,000)	26.50	25.80	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	13.85	
Jordanian Dinar	9.82	9.75	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.00	11.90	
Liberian Lira (100)	69.50	66.65	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	35.25	35.25	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	29.70	
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.40	
Pound Sterling	6.12	6.00	
Qatari Rial (100)	94.50	94.30	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	16.00	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	32.05	
Swiss Franc (100)	173.50	173.20	
Syrian Lira (100)	56.00	63.60	
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	
U.S. Dollar	3.43	3.42	
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	75.10	
	Selling Price	Buying Price	
Gold kg.	39,300	39,100	
10 Tolas bar	4,600	4,600	
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SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Unaizah Municipality	Maintenance of street lighting (from the date the contract is signed for 1402 / 1403 H.)	1	300	25-4-1982
Al-Ross Municipality	Water supplies	13.	—	13-4-1982
" "	Supplying fuel and washing cars and equipment	14.	—	17-4-1982
Saudi Red Crescent (Riyad)	Supply of various cars for 1402 / 1403 H.	—	200	17-4-1982

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2.	Ikarian Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefer	5.4.82
3.	Rocadas	El Hawi	Contra/Steel/Gen.	8.4.82
4.	Kara Unicom	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	3.4.82
5.	Solidarity	Orsi	Tea/Cashew	10.4.82
6.	Lady of Lorna	S.S.M.S.C.	Sorghum/Maize	8.4.82
7.	Asthinal	Alpha	Rice/Flour	7.4.82
8.	Damodar Ganga	Gulf	Rice/Loaders/Tyres	6.4.82
9.	Transworld Sailor	Star	Agricultural Product	8.4.82
10.	Golden Riyadh	El Hawi	Contral/Steel/Tmb/Gen.	6.4.82
11.	Asterion	Alssada	Bagged Barley	5.4.82
12.	Amstelreef	Bansodah	Bagged Barley	5.4.82
13.	Silver Rays	Gulf	Bagged Maize	7.4.82
14.	Kawachi Maru	Allreza	Bagged Food/F. Food	10.4.82
15.	Meriam	El Hawi	Containers	10.4.82
16.	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Rice/Potatoes/Gen.	6.4.82
17.	Jonni	Alsebah	Bulk Cement	5.4.82
18.	aAdel	El Hawi	Cement/Tiles/Mobiles	29.3.82
19.	Hilco Skier	Star	Fruits	7.4.82
20.	Oriant Trophy	A.A.	Bagged Barley	6.4.82
21.	Golden Jeddah	El Hawi	Steel/Phywood/Gen.	8.4.82
22.	Al Mansouriah	Kanoo	Gan/M.Poweder/Cable	9.4.82
23.	Anchales	Galoobi	Bagged Barley	7.4.82
24.	Aghios Cerassimos	A.A.	Barley	7.4.82
25.	Kopailia Wrek	Mojarri	General	7.4.82
26.	Kronos	Galoobi	Timber	9.4.82
27.	Rima "G"	El Hawi	—	10.4.82

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5.	Han Gram	OCE	General	9.4.82
8.	Muniraz	UEP	Gan/Barley	8.4.82
9.	Warsak	SEA	General	8.4.82
11.	Sunny Pioneer	UEP	Gen/Steel	10.4.82
12.	Oppema Maru	Kanoo	Cars	11.4.82
15.	Eastern Saga	Saito	General	9.4.82
17.	Najma	Alssada	Bagged Barley	3.4.82
18.	Al Bandari	Gosoobi	General	9.4.82
20.	Euroses	Gulf	Timber	10.4.82
21.	Kostis	Gosoobi	Containers	1.4.82
22.	Ibn Rushd	Kanoo	General	11.4.82
24.	E. R. Brissel	AET	Conts/RoRo	9.4.82
27.	Commandant Revello	Kanoo	Bulk Barrels	4.4.82
28.	Baron Maday	Ori	General	10.4.82
29.	Torres	Barber	Bananas	11.4.82
32.	Ewald Everett	Gulf	—	—

Arab news Economy

Egypt woos Arab, alien investment

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 11 — With the prospects of yet another holiday in European bourses in front of them Monday, the local market was once again reported to have been extremely quiet. The Bahraini based OBU's — offshore booking units — hardly entered into any serious dealings and in fact there were none around to quote prices by mid-day Sunday.

In the local markets in Jeddah, riyal deposit rates remained unchanged from Saturday levels but there were some slight movements downwards in the short tenors due to some liquidity injections. This surprised some bankers as they had been accustomed to the "usual" pre-budget market liquidity tightness, but this fiscal year the markets had witnessed a regular injection of liquidity which helped the riyal to remain stable.

The president was reflecting growing concern here over the role of foreign banks in Egypt said to be almost entirely given to projects that yield quick profits.

"Instructions were given to all concerned government bodies to extend assistance and guarantees to Arab and foreign investors operating in Egypt," Mubarak said.

Since taking over from his predecessor Anwar Sadat last October, President Mubarak has made clear on various occasions that improving his country's economy was his first priority.

The one-month JIBOR rate opened at 14%-14% percent but closed at 14-14½ percent with no dealing interest shown. The week-fixed tenor fell back by ½ percent to trade at 13-13½ percent compared to Saturday levels while the one-year period

interest rates, they argue but the dollar is meanwhile, in demand as several continental currencies and the Japanese yen come under selling pressures, thus keeping dollar rates also stable.

BRUSSELS, April 11 (R) — Britain's campaign to drive Argentina from the Falkland Islands by isolating it diplomatically and economically has won powerful backing from its nine European Economic Community (EEC) partners.

But a total ban on Argentine imports agreed Saturday is unlikely to deflect Britain's resolve to use force if necessary to win back its occupied colony, diplomatic sources said.

The embargo, which could come into effect Wednesday, is the toughest trade move in the 25-year history of the community. The sources said it is intended as a sign of the EEC's strong wish for a peaceful solution to the Falklands dispute, which could erupt into armed confrontation after a British threat to fire on any Argentine ships in a 200-mile war zone around the islands from Monday.

Announcing their decision Saturday and a ban on arms sales to Buenos Aires, the 10 backed a United Nations Security Council resolution which called for end to hostilities, the immediate withdrawal of Argentine troops and the pursuit of a diplomatic solution.

Argentina which stands to lose trade worth some 26 percent of its total foreign sales,

Sweden sold its last cruiser to Chile shortly before military officers toppled Salvador Allende in 1973. Bofors guns arm naval ships of Iran, Turkey and even South Africa, the blackest sheep of the world community in the Swedish government's eyes to suppress human rights."

But until last year, when regulations were tightened, there was virtually no control of manufacturing license deals or re-exporting by customers.

The Swedish-made gun was not the actual weapon that assassins had used a few days before to slay President Anwar Sadat, of course. It was of the same type, however, manufactured under license in Egypt and bearing the brand name of the Swedish monarch Carl Gustaf.

Saab light aircraft, Bofors guns and other Swedish-made arms were used in action by Pakistan and Indonesia in the 1970s. They have appeared in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

In principle there is a ban on export of arms from Sweden, and a special government agency must approve and license each sale. The law also requires certification that the arms will be used only for the purchasing nation's defense and not re-exported.

Employing close to 40,000 in scores of companies, Sweden's arms industry has more than doubled its exports in five years, despite reserving 80 percent of its output for the domestic defense. Estimates of last year's foreign arms sales total almost 2 billion kroner (\$350 million), or less than 1.5 percent of Sweden's total exports. Except for an overall volume figure, the government keeps details secret.

The official argument for exporting arms at all is that Sweden needs longer production lines to support a domestic industry vital to its own defense forces. Also, Sweden officially exports mostly defensive weapons to a strictly limited clientele.

Yet Swedish arms, from small guns to Mach-2 Saab Viggen fighters, are advertised and exhibited at fairs and in international arms-trade magazines.

Bofors is the mainstay of the country's armories since its famous 40mm anti-aircraft gun was introduced in the 1930s and helped the allies in World War II.

During the most recent example, the community was swift to condemn what it saw as the Soviet Union's guiding hand in the imposition of martial law in Poland last December.

But when it came to taking concrete action against the Kremlin as requested by the United States, the 10 took three months to decide what to

Bullets down Bucks in thriller

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP) — Washington's never-say-die spirit was to the fore in the National Basketball Association Saturday night.

With a playoff berth at stake, the Washington Bullets had to grab at every chance. And they did it against the Milwaukee Bucks before snatching a thrilling 115-114 victory. Frank Johnson drove down the street and scored a layup with 39 seconds remaining to clinch the issue.

The victory was the third in-a-row after the Bullets had suffered a blow at the hands of the Hawks, another contender from the east. The Bullets stay a game ahead of New Jersey and two games above the Hawks in the Atlantic Division as the race for the playoff berth hotted up.

Bucks also needed a victory, as did the Bullets. The Bucks had pulled even with Philadelphia in the battle for a possible home-court advantage in the playoffs Friday night with a victory over the Detroit Pistons. A victory Saturday would have given the Bucks a chance to forge ahead of the Sixers. But it was not the case.

The Bullets, with the thought of improving its playoff prospects weighing on their minds, swept the Bucks of their feet by outscoring them in the first two period. They also managed to hold onto their halftime advantage by the end of third period, though it was cut to five, from six, as the team entered the final period.

The Bucks drove the Bullets hard and nearly pulled off a victory. But Johnson's timely basket tilted the scales in Bullets favor.

Elsewhere in the NBA, New Jersey rooted Indiana 115-86; New York defeated Cleveland 117-114; Houston trounced San Antonio 105-100; Utah outlasted Denver 151-136; Phoenix bombed Seattle 116-99; Golden State downed Sao Diego 132-119.

Nets 115, Pacers 86: Albert King scored 18 points and Buck Williams added 17 as the New Jersey Nets won their most one-sided contest of the season. The Nets' victory eliminated the Pacers from the playoffs. The victory also kept the Nets in contention from the Atlantic Division, close on the heels of Washington. The Nets hit the front in the first quarter and never looked back. The seven-point first quarter lead was enhanced to 21 points by halftime and it swelled progressively to 24 and finally 27.

Knicks 117, Cavaliers 114: Paul Westphal sank a technical foul shot with 18 seconds remaining for the winning point as the New York Knicks defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Cavaliers took the lead in the third quarter, wiping out a three-point half-time advantage, and entered the fourth with a 10-point lead. But the Knicks outscored the Cavaliers in the final period.

Rockets 105, Spurs 100: Calvin Murphy and Moses Malone each scored 12 points in the final period to spark Houston's 105-100 win over the San Antonio Spurs. The victory also spurred the Rockets within a game of the Midwest Division-leading Spurs. The Rockets burst ahead in the first period and maintained a slender lead right through.

Jazz 151, Nuggets 136: The return of Adrian Dantley did wonders to the Utah Jazz. After suffering a loss Friday to the Kansas City Kings in Dantley's absence, the Jazz roared back into the victory stream at Nuggets' expense. Dantley scored a season-high 53 points as he led Jazz to victory. Nuggets still stay behind in the race for a playoff berth from the Midwest Division.

Suns 116, Sonics 99: Dennis Johnson scored 22 of his game-high 35 points in the first half and Walter Davis added 20 in pacing the Phoenix Suns to an easy victory over the Supersonics. The loss kept Seattle behind the Lakers, who were idle Saturday, in the Pacific Division.

Warriors 132, Clippers 119: Purvis Short scored a game-high 33 points and World Free added 29 as Golden State handed San Diego a drubbing. The Warriors came from behind in the third quarter to take the lead, which they never relinquished.

Breitner's late goal sees Bayern through

BOHN, April 11 (Agencies) — FC Nuremberg and Bayern Munich Saturday qualified for the final of the West German Football Cup at Frankfurt on May 1.

Nuremberg, 13th in the First Division championship, scored a 2-0 semifinal victory against SV Hamburg, the goals coming from Weyra, who converted a 58th minute penalty, and Brunner, who headed home in the 68th minute.

Five-times Cup winners Bayern defeated VfL Bochum 2-1 in the other semifinal. Prolific scorer Rummenigge opened the scoring for Bayern in the 17th minute. But Bochum neutralized the lead through Pätzke with a direct free kick 20 minutes from time. Breitner shot in the winner following a penalty four minutes after Bochum had drawn level.

Meanwhile, in Lisbon, Portugal First Division leaders Sporting Lisbon took another step toward claiming the Portuguese Soccer Cup. It scored a 2-1 victory over Second Division side Ginasio De Alcobaca in the semifinals Saturday.

The victory also kept Sporting in course for a league and Cup double. Sporting Lisbon takes on Braga in the final slated in Lisbon for May 2. Braga also were 2-1 winners over Benfica in the other semifinal.

The Dutch Honors Division saw the stalemate between the top two teams Ajax Amsterdam and PSV Eindhoven remain unresolved. While Ajax ran out a facile 4-0 victory over Breda, Eindhoven, also gained a 4-0 verdict over De Graafschap Doetinchem to stay-locked at the top of the table with 45 points apiece.

These two stayed five points clear of AZ'67 Alkmaar which recorded a solitary goal victory over Feyenoord Rotterdam. Fancied teams Haarlem, Utrecht, Sparta Rotterdam and Groningen scored fluent victories.

Dynamo East Berlin, who beat Wisput

Borg to skip French Open

MONTE CARLO, April 11 (AFP) — Bjorn Borg will miss this year's French Open Tennis Championships for which he holds the all-time record with six singles titles.

The defending champion is "having problems concentrating," his coach Lennart Bergelin said Sunday to explain Borg's decision to forgo the glamorous opener on the "Grand Slam" circuit.

As for Wimbledon, Bergelin said the former world No. 1 would wait until Thursday to make up his mind. On Thursday the "All-England Club" are scheduled to decide whether they will risk expulsion from the Grand Prix circuit by exempting Borg from the qualifying rounds.

Last week, Borg was bundled out of the Monte Carlo Tennis Tournament 1-6, 2-6, to the quarterfinals by France's Yannick Noah, ranked 14th in the world. To Borg devotees, he appeared a pitiful shadow of his former self, piling up unforced errors as if he were just learning the game. Noah was later reported saying he heard Borg, once known as the ice king, whistling during the changeovers.

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Bjorn Borg ... losing his punch

Tennis Council, who organize the Grand Prix, last week reaffirmed their ruling whereby the top 200 ranked players must enter a minimum of two Grand Prix events per season or face having to pass the qualifying rounds.

Borg, after losing his Wimbledon title last year to John McEnroe and failing to capture the U.S. Open title, the only major trophy to elude him so far, took a five-month break from competitive tennis before resurfacing here last week.

Bulnes -- the tough, gentle defender

TEGUCIGALPA, April 11 (R) — There's no room for charity in Fernando Bulnes' role as a full hack with World Soccer Cup finalists Honduras. Forwards who have tangled with the chunky defender will vouch for the fact that he is a hard, uncompromising opponent.

But away from soccer the stoog man of the Honduran defense has an altogether gentler side to his character. Mob of his leisure time is taken up in charity work. After hurricane, Fifi devastated the country's Caribbean coast in 1974, Bulnes spent several days in the area, taking part in the distribution of food and clothing to the homeless.

Not surprisingly, the hard-working Bulnes is highly respected by his teammates. "He's an inspiration to us both on and off the field," said Jose La Paz Herrera, the Honduran coach. Bulnes is also very popular with the soccer-mad Honduran public. Whenever he leaves his modest house to the center of Tegucigalpa, where he lives with his wife and three young daughters, he is besieged by fans.

The trip to Spain this summer will be a fitting reward for Bulnes, who has played a major role in getting Honduras to the World Cup finals for the first time. He was the outstanding Honduran defender in the final round of matches in the North and Central

American and Caribbean (CONCACAF) qualifying group, which Honduras won with the loss of only one goal. Capped 28 times by his country, Bulnes has helped his club side Olimpia to the First Division Championship five times.

As well as being strong in the tackle, he is quick to cover his defensive teammates and quickly to overlap down the wing which says a lot for the fitness of this 35-year-old full back.

Bulnes runs down the middle may be few and far between because of the need to work hard in defense against the likes of hosts Spain and Yugoslavia in the opening round of the World Cup finals. But that won't bother him unduly. He thrives on keeping busy.

Honduras have no illusions about their chances and hope only to avoid last place in their group. They also intend to do better than Caribbean neighbors El Salvador with whom they fought a four-day border war following a loss to that country in a World Cup qualifying round in 1969.

"We have got nothing to lose in Spain and I believe we will not be disgraced," one fan said in Tegucigalpa. "At least we'll do better than El Salvador," he added. Hoodlums and El Salvador, who displaced favored Mexico

Vilas explodes Lendl's myth on clay

MONTE CARLO, April 11 (Agencies) — Argentina's Guillermo Vilas at 29 confirmed a triumphant return to the top Suday, after two years in the shadows, with a straight sets victory over world No. 2 Ivan Lendl, 22, of Czechoslovakia 6-1, 7-6, 6-3 in the final of the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Open Tennis Tournament here.

Vilas, whose temperament and fortunes have changed with his racket, played a superb, hard-hitting match, his heavy topspin shot going to perfection. Even before this tournament and his unexpected win over the top seed here, Vilas, winner of the French and U.S. Opens in 1977, had shown this year that he was again a player to be reckoned with, after two victories over American Jimmy Connors.

Sunday he beat a man considered by many as the world No. 1 on clay although the normally unshakable Lendl looked ill at ease and was often caught out by the sheer weight of shot from Vilas. The 22-year-old Czech had already shown moments of unexpected weakness in some areas of his game against his semifinal opponent, France's Yannick Noah. The second-seeded Vilas quickly overwhelmed him in the first set but the Czech showed every sign of being able to

reverse the situation in the second set.

But at 3-3 in the tiebreak Lendl went to pieces against an increasingly confident Vilas to lose it 7-3. In the third set Vilas won an early break and looked as if this was the moment for his comeback. But the Argentine leveled at 3-3 and went on to run out winner 6-3, ending on a mesmerizingly long final rally, the 72nd.

Left-hander Vilas, who defeated his compatriot Jose-Luis Clerc in closely-fought semifinal moved to within 55 points of leader Jimmy Connors in the Grand Prix standings with 975 point as a result of the victory.

Since 1980 Vilas has lost every one of his eight matches against Lendl. The Czech won 6-4, 6-1 in their final encounter in the Masters in New York. For Lendl, tipped to bid strongly for the No. 1 spot in 1982, it was his second defeat in a tournament this year. Noah beat him in the final of the Palm Springs Tournament in February breaking his run of 44 consecutive victories.

Meanwhile, in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Andrea Jaeger stunned Chris Evert Lloyd in the Saturday semifinals of the Family Circle Cup Women's Tennis Tournament, with a 6-1, 1-6, 6-2 victory built on her patented baseline lob and a steady ground game.

She moves into Sunday's final against second-seeded Martina Navratilova, who beat fifth-seeded Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 in the earlier semifinal match.

Jaeger, seeded third, is the fifth woman player ever to defeat Evert Lloyd on clay and the first to beat her at the Family Circle, in which Evert Lloyd had not lost in 32 matches and 65 sets. Evert Lloyd won the event the last six times she competed.

Both players ascribed the victory to Jaeger's lazy strokes from the baseline, which Evert Lloyd admitted later she couldn't smash from the air and didn't have the patience to return in kind. "I guess I just wasn't willing to stay out there all day and moonball back," she said. "It's frustrating," she added. "all the players feel that way. We don't think it's attractive for women's tennis." But she conceded that Jaeger's strategy was effective, especially on clay. "I know how to beat her, but I don't have the right frame of mind," she said.

Jaeger took complete control of the first set after each player held her first service, winning the last five games straight. She opened the second set with another break, but Evert Lloyd broke back and ran her streak to the end of the set.

Spurs to play Arsenal sans Steve Archibald

LONDON, April 11 (AFP) — Tottenham's international Scottish striker, Steve Archibald, is out of Monday's North London "Derby" against Arsenal with an ankle injury.

Confirming the blow to Tottenham's title hopes, manager Keith Burkinshaw said, "He could be out for at least a week. He had his ankle in ice for all the second half, to try to minimize the injury and we will not know how bad it is until Sunday."

Spurs forward resources are now at full stretch but there are hopes that Mark Falco could soon be in action. "We may be over optimistic but he could be fit by next Saturday," said Burkinshaw.

The Spurs manager paid tribute to his England goalkeeper Ray Clemence who saved a penalty from John Wark just four days after letting a harmless, long range shot slip through his hands against Barcelona in the European Cup Winners Cup.

Burkinshaw said, "It's nice for him to save a penalty. I said before the game that, if he kept five clean sheets in the next five games, we might forget about the one against Barcelona."

In Kenyan Safari Rally

Mehta forges ahead

NAIROBI, April 11 (AFP) — Four-times winner Shekar Mehta of Kenya was back in charge of the Maribor Safari Rally at the end of the tough 1,000-mile second-leg here.

The Nabobs of racing are watching Firestone with intense interest. If he succeeds in this dual-hatted venture, Alfred G. Vanderbilt will not rush out and buy a stopwatch, but drivers everywhere will start wondering about job security.

Firestone doesn't have to look far to find someone with experience of owning a Derby winner. Whee Genuine Risk now at Churchill Downs in 1980, becoming only the second filly in history to capture the Derby, she ran in Diaoa Firestone's name, as do all of the stable's females, but he was as euphoric as she was. "This is how excited we were about that year," Firestone said. "I hardly ever bet a nickel on any of our horses, but I bet \$200 on Genuine Risk." She paid \$28.60 for \$2. Ironically, it was a major disagreement over Genuine Risk's entry running in the Derby that led to the Firestone-Jolly split.

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Meanwhile, Datsun appear to have found a way to prevent their axles from failing over miles of bumpy terrain. Their mechanics were seen changing them frequently as a precaution before they actually snapped.

These safety measures helped Mehta into the lead and may partially explain the success of his teammate, Britain's Tooy Pond, competing here for the first time.

Pond, who exclaimed Friday after the first leg, "You can be speeding along perfectly at 120 mph and then get stuck in a mud puddle for an hour and a half," finished the second leg a well-placed fifth.

The previous track record was held by Pond's teammate Rene Arnoux, who set a time of 1:33.98 in 1980.

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Bayer Leverkusen	Werner Bremen
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Utrecht	3
Go Ahead Eagles	Pec Zwolle
PSV Eindhoven	

As Valenzuela starts impressively

Dodgers register facile win

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP) — Fernando Valenzuela made a successful 1982 pitching debut Saturday, blanking San Diego for six innings as the Los Angeles Dodgers took a 6-0 victory over the Padres.

Valenzuela, late reporting to spring training because of a contract dispute, allowed five scattered hits, walked one and struck out four before giving way to a pinch-hitter. Dave Stewart and Dave Goltz finished up for the Dodgers, completing a seven-hitter.

Dusty Baker provided two of the Dodger runs with a solo homer in the opening inning off loser Juan Eichelberger and a run-scoring single in the seventh. The start of the nationally-televisioned game was delayed by an hour and 11 minutes because of rain.

The National League's 1981 Cy Young award winner and rookie of the year with a 13-7 record, Valenzuela worked just five innings this spring. He reported to camp March 23 after the Dodgers unilaterally renewed his contract for a reported \$350,000, some \$500,000 below what he was asking.

Elsewhere in the National League, Pat Zachry hurled a no-hitter for 7 1/3 innings and Dave Kingman drove in five runs with a Homer and single as the New York Mets took a 9-5 decisiover over the Chicago Cubs. Pat pitched the no-hit ball until Bob Motzko's two-out run-scoring single in the eighth inning triggered a four-run uprising, but the Mets hung on to beat the Chicago Cubs.

Reliever Mark Littell's throwing error sent home the winning run in the seventh inning.



Fernando Valenzuela...a hand in Dodgers' win

helping the Pittsburgh Pirates win their season opener by downing the St. Louis Cardinals 11-7. Joe Morgan's bases-loaded two-run single in the 10th inning lifted the San Francisco Giants to their first victory of the season, a 7-5 triumph over the Cincinnati Reds.

In the American League, California's Doug Decenes sparked a four-run fifth inning with a double as the Angels whipped the Minnesota Twins 8-1.

Denois Eckersley hurled a six-hitter and Jim Rice drove in both runs as the Boston Red Sox opened their season by defeating the Baltimore Orioles 2-0 in the first game of a doubleheader. The Oriole earned a split with a 5-3 victory in the second game as Eddie Murray drove in three runs with two doubles and a grounder.

Buddy Bell homered twice and singled to drive in three runs and George Wright made his major league debut with a single, double and homer and three RBI as the Texas Rangers beat the Cleveland Indians 8-3 in the storm-delayed season opener for both clubs.

Barry Bonnell, going 5-for-5 in his first appearance of the season, drilled a two-out 10th-inning single to score Damaso Garcia from third base and give the Toronto Blue Jays a 3-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers. The Oakland-Seattle game was postponed by rain. In Al night action, Detroit visited Seattle. In the NL, it was Montreal at Philadelphia and Houston at Atlanta.

In NL action, Montreal right-hander Bill Gullickson overcame a Major League record-tying six wild pitches and Al Oliver and Gary Carter each hit a home run as the Expos pounded out 16 hits to take an 11-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Rookie Brett Butler stroked a pair of hits, drove in two runs and scored three times to trigger Atlanta to an 8-6 victory over the Houston Astros, giving the Braves their best start in 13 years.

In the AL, Dennis Leonard pitched a perfect game through five innings but needed relief help from Grant Jackson and Dan Quisenberry as the Kansas City Royals beat the Detroit Tigers 5-2.



STRIKING FORM: Dusty Baker, who was in striking form against the San Diego Padres, dazed in Dodgers' win with a solo Homer in the opening inning.

Baseball standings

National League						American League		
Eastern Division			Western Division			Eastern Division		
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Montreal	2	0	1.000	2	1	.667	—	—
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	1	1	.500	—	—
New York	2	1	.667	1	1	.500	—	—
Chicago	2	2	.500	0	0	.000	—	—
St. Louis	1	3	.250	2	1	.667	1	1
Philadelphia	0	3	—	2	2	.500	0	1
Western Division			Western Division			Western Division		
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	1	0	1.000	—	—
Los Angeles	2	1	.750	1	1	.500	—	—
Cincinnati	2	2	.500	2	2	.500	—	—
Houston	2	3	.400	2	3	.400	2	2
San Diego	1	3	.250	3	3	.500	2	2
San Francisco	1	3	.250	3	3	.500	1	1

Ballesteros, Pate keep in race

Late burst puts Stadler in driver's seat

ANGISTA, Georgia, April 11 (AP) — Craig Stadler, ambushed by a double bogey earlier, birdied his last three holes for a 5-under-par 67 and took a 3-stroke command Saturday in the third round of the 46th Masters Golf Tournament.

Stadler, nicknamed "The Walrus," completed three trips over the flowered hills of the Augusta National Golf Club Course with a 211 total, 5 under par. And his closing burst — a 23.3 finish over some of golf's most demanding holes — put him in solid control. "Well," said Jack Nicklaus, who watched on television as Stadler holed his last two birdie putts, "It looks as if he has come."

"He's got the lead. Either he has to give it away or somebody has to take it away. I sure like his position better than anybody else's. He's got the momentum."

But there's still 18 to go, and, heading into Sunday's final round, some of the game's most honored names remained within striking distance. Included in that group were Jerry Seve Ballesteros of Spain, Tom Weiskopf, Ray Floyd, Tom Watson and Nicklaus.

Nicklaus finished with three consecutive 3's, but in the time it took him to get from the 18th green to the press building, the deficit grew from 3 shots to 6.

Also, there's Jodie Mudd, a 21-year-old amateur, who insists he has a chance to become the first non-pro to win perhaps the most revered of all the world's golf titles.

Ballesteros, the young Spaniard who won this title in 1980, and Pate, the happy-go-lucky guy who has a habit of leaping into

lakes after his triumphs, shared second at 214, three off the pace.

Ballesteros, Europe's finest player and a former British Open champion, was conceding nothing. "There's a lot of pressure on the leader," he said. "I think it's easier to come from behind than to win from in front."

Pate, winner of the prestigious tournament Players Championship last month, had a 67 in the mild, overcast weather and said, if he won here, he'd forego his aquatic act.

Weiskopf, a four-time runner-up but not a winner of the Masters, and Floyd, a 39-year-old veteran who owns two major professional titles, were at 215, four behind. Weiskopf had a 66. Floyd 69.

Watson, the defending title-holder seeking a return to his position as the game's dominant figure tied with Bob Gilder at par 216.

Gilder closed with a 66, the best round of the tournament.

Long-hitting Dan Pohl, Curtis Strange and Nicklaus were next at 217. Pohl incided consecutive eagles — a 3 on no. 13 and a 3 on no. 74 — in his round of 67. "I don't know if that's a record, but I'll take it," he said of the pair.

Strange, who shared the second-round lead with Stadler, slipped to 73. Nicklaus, holder of a record 17 major professional titles and seeking a sixth Masters' crown, had to birdie the last two holes for a 71. Mudd was in the group at 218, 2 over par.

While he was still close to the top, before Stadler pulled away, Mudd insisted he had a chance. "I know an amateur has never won the Masters and probably never will. But it

can happen. I've played in some tour events and before lots of people before. Yes, I'm in contention to win the golf tournament."

But that comment was made some two hours before Stadler finished. The 28-year-old Stadler, who has dropped some 20 pounds but still remains a portly figure, may have taken it out of reach. And he had to do the hard way, fighting his way back from the discouraging effects of a double bogey-7 on the second hole.

That dropped him out of the lead and back into a multiple-man struggle for control. Strange, Pate, Ballesteros and Weiskopf all led or shared the lead at one time until Stadler exerted his authority over the final nine holes.

Stadler got himself in trouble on the second hole when he drove into the woods, took 4 shots to reach the green then 3-putted. But he hit irons inside of 2 feet on both the fifth and ninth and tapped in for the birdies that got him back to even for the day, and back in the lead.

He holed a sand shot for birdie on the tough 10th, scored a deuce on the 12th, then the two long holes escape, then put on the closing streak. He made it from 7 feet on the 16th, taking the lead alone for the first time.

His approach got away from him just a little on the 17th, coming up some 40 feet from the hole. He made the putt, and that made it a 2-shot margin. On the 18th, his 6-iron was some 30 feet from the flag, and he dropped that one. Another birdie, the third in a row, and it stretched his lead to a commanding 3 shots.

At 53:36, Zequinha made the score 3-2 on a penalty kick. The Rowdies and Strikers now have matching 1-1 records.

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Tulsa evened its record at 1-1 before a crowd of 15,182 in its home opener. Montreal is 0-1.

Dave Bottom obliterates Britt's mark

GAINESVILLE, Florida, April 11 (AP) — Teenagers Jeff Kostoff and Tiffany Cohen swam to their third victories in distance events by winning the men's and women's 1,650-yard freestyles Saturday night in the United States Swimming Short Course Championships.

Kostoff, a 16-year-old who earlier set an American record in the 1,000-yard freestyle, stroked to his first national title with the win. He edged forward at the 600-yard mark to take the lead from Tony Corbisiero, who placed second at 15:05.56.

Cohen, 15, took the women's 1,650-yard in 15:58.52. She took the lead about 150 yards into the race and never trailed. In second was Nancy Nemeth, 18. Cohen also captured titles earlier this week in the 1,000-yard and 500-yard freestyles. Kostoff was the winner Friday in the men's 500-yard event.

Dave Bottom set a new American record in the men's 100-yard backstroke in a time of 48.94. Bottom, a 19-year-old and brother of former Olympic butterfly champion Joe, bettered the time of 49.08 set by Clay Britt in 1981 and edged Rick Carey (49.18).

Tracy Caulkins picked up her 39th national title since winning her first in 1977 by taking the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:02.41. The 19-year-old University of Florida freshman, who tied Johnny Weissmuller's 36 individual national championships on Wednesday in the 200-yard backstroke, also won the 200-meter and 400-meter individual medley events here.

Jill Sterkel redeemed her first loss ever in the 50-yard freestyle Friday by winning Saturday's 100-yard butterfly. The University of Texas star, who dropped the 50-yard freestyle in a 4:52.99.

The men's 100-yard butterfly was won by David Cowell, who finished in 47.89, a new American record in the 200-yard butterfly. He finished the 100 in 43.33.

Brian Kidd's brace gives Strikers victory

TAMPA, Florida, April 11 (AP) — Brian Kidd paced Fort Lauderdale with two goals as the Strikers topped the Tampa Bay Rowdies, 3-2, in a North American Soccer League match Saturday night.

The scoring began at 3:13 on a own goal, when Rowdy defender Refil Kozi tried to get the ball to goalkeeper Jurgen Stas, Bracko Segota threatened to score. The ball went into the Rowdies' goal, giving Fort Lauderdale a 1-0 lead.

The Rowdies tied at 18:47, when Peter Roe shot from 18 yards and the ball spurted out of Striker goalkeeper Jan Van Beveren's hands. A galloping Luis Fernando left-footed a 3-yard shot into the net.

At 37:22, Kidd took a headed pass from Ken Fogarty and gave the Strikers a 2-1 lead. Bruce Savage assisted on that goal. Kidd's second goals came at 50:46 after a pass from Teofilo Cubillas. Kidd took the ball in his own half of the field, outran two pursuing Rowdies and fired a 25-yard shot over Stas for a 3-1 lead.

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You'll make a nice purchase for the home, though a moody family member may not agree. Avoid trouble and try to talk things out.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Take the initiative in contacting others. Be considerate of a co-worker's feelings. How you say things is important now.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)

It's a very busy time at work, but not all goes smoothly. Be content with modest gains. Concentrate on one thing at a time.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You'll make some good purchases today, but you're still inclined to extravagance. Be sure that you receive just pay for your services.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You'll get along better with friends than loved ones now. A precocious child may talk back or a family member may voice unwanted criticism.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You can't take everyone into your confidence, but a private chat with a friend is helpful. Be discreet, but not suspicious.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Social life is active, but there may be some minor disagreements. It is possible that you will make an important business contact.

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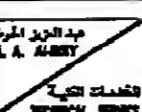
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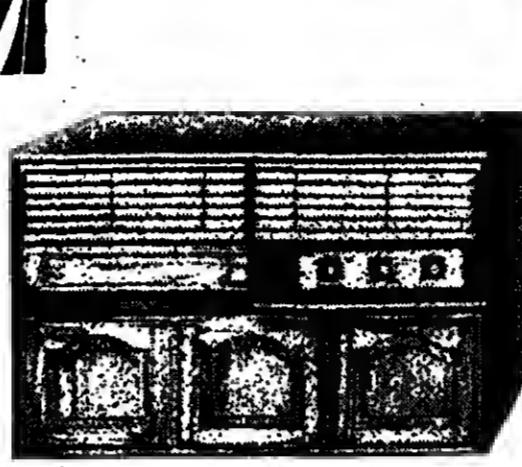


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U.S. to pursue probe of Soviet toxic war

BANGKOK, April 11 (AP) — The United States plans to exert more pressure on the Soviet Union over its alleged use of chemical warfare by stepping up both its investigations and propaganda work among allies and neutrals who to date have shown little enthusiasm in condemning Moscow over the issue.

This is the message of a team of U.S. experts on chemical and biological warfare currently on a month-long worldwide tour to gather more evidence — and to raise an outcry — on the use of lethal chemical agents in Afghanistan, Cambodia and Laos.

Washington alleges that more than 10,000 persons at the very least have been killed in those three countries by Soviets or their Indochinese Communist allies employing a wide variety of deadly chemicals including one dubbed "yellow rain."

U.S. administration officials claim they now have "incontrovertible evidence" that the Soviets have opened a "Pandora's box of modern warfare." Moscow consistently brands such charges as "dirty lies" manufactured by Washington as part of a "slander campaign." Skeptics and critics call for more physical proof to back U.S. accusations which come at a time of Cold War-like Soviet-American relations.

The eight-member team, led by U.S. State Department official Gary Crocker, told a press briefing here last week the best possible

propaganda weapon would be neutral nations, including those in the Third World, hacking Washington's condemnation of Moscow. The team said it hoped American allies also would launch their own probes and that a special United Nations team investigating the charges would speed up its work.

The team said that to shore up its case, the United States would try to obtain more samples of contaminated areas, conduct more blood tests and autopsies on victims and possibly lay its hands on shells, rockets and other delivery systems for the chemical agents.

The team traveled to the Thai-Laoian and Thai-Cambodian borders where they briefed doctors, refugee officials and others who come into contact with alleged victims on how best to question them to obtain refined, conclusive evidence of chemical attacks. Similar briefings were conducted in Pakistan, the team said.

Both Pakistan, which adjoins Afghanistan, and Thailand, which shares hostile boundaries with Laos and Cambodia, have expressed willingness to help the United States in the probe.

Washington's latest report on the issue, released last month, charges the Soviets themselves wage chemical warfare in Afghanistan and supervise the use of Soviet-delivered chemical agents by Vietnamese and Laotian forces against various resistance groups.

Party deputies rap Mauroy

PARIS, April 11 (AFP) — A wave of criminal violence and two recent attacks in France including the assassination of an Israeli-diplomat and the bombing of the Paris-Toulouse Express train, have resulted in bitter criticisms of French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy from his own Socialist deputies.

However, the criticism stems not from the attacks, but rather from Mauroy's decision to delay the promised abrogation of the so-called "Peyrefitte law" in order to reassess the nation's entire security legislation. Named after Justice Minister Alain Peyrefitte, the new legislation gave French police far wider powers of arrest, and its abrogation was a major plank in Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand's presidential campaign mid-1981.

Mauroy sparked a storm of protest among the ruling leftist coalition in the National Assembly when he announced the delay last Wednesday: Socialist and Communist deputies have denounced the law as anti-democratic and repressive ever since it came into force last year during the presidency of Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

Raymond Forni (Socialist), president of the National Assembly Laws Committee, expressed regret that the premier had bowed

to public concern over increasing violence, as he had this would make the government lose its credibility.

The premier was forced, on Thursday, to announce that he was planning to present to the National Assembly a far-reaching package deal incorporating measures "against all forms of violence," as well as preventive steps. Peyrefitte, who claims that his law guarantees "security and liberty" to all law-abiding citizens, has praised the government for its "wisdom" in not moving immediately against his law.

While Socialist deputies have shown extreme irritation, Communists have stated that they consider the delay is "reasonable" as they prefer to see an overall security blueprint for the country tabled in the assembly. This incident is seen as one more proof that there is growing concern in the French Socialist Party at not being consulted enough by the government on its plans.

But observers pointed out that one reason for the premier's delaying move was the feeling that the left's poor showing at last month's cantonal elections was due to worry among voters over growing criminal violence, and the emergence of security as a major national issue.



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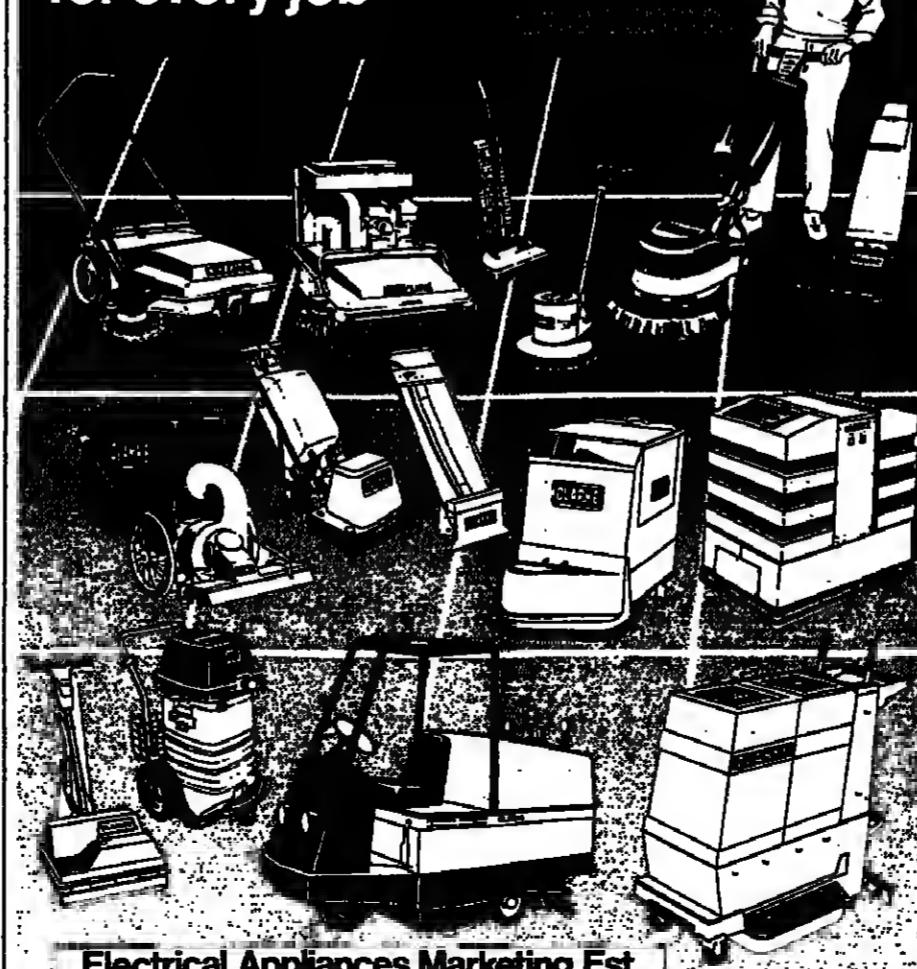
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International

Dacca expels Soviet staff

DACCA, April 11 (AFP) — Two Soviet Embassy employees have been expelled from Bangladesh and sent back to Moscow, the daily *Itefaq* reported Sunday. The paper said the two, named only as Lunavsky and Kirichuk, were expelled Thursday, a week after their detection by police on March 31 when found in a jungle near Joydevpur, about 40 kms from the capital.

No reason for the detection was given, but *Itefaq* reported that the Soviet Embassy had said in a protest note to the Foreign Office in Dacca that the employees had gone to Joydevpur "to destroy 500 rolls of old film." Official sources confirmed the incident but declined to comment.

Javanese flee volcano area

JAKARTA, April 11 (Agencies) — The wave of refugees fleeing the Galunggung volcano grew Sunday, with more than 60,000 West Javanese seeking shelter after eruptions that left nine persons dead and several villagers buried under a thick layer of ash.

The town of Tasikmalaya, about 12 kms from the volcano, was packed with homeless villagers, the official Antara news agency said. Refugees also jammed public transportation to the provincial capital of Bandung.

Antara said the volcano was relatively calm Saturday, occasionally giving off white and black smoke. But the agency said the number of refugees appeared to have doubled from the original estimate of 31,000. It said villages on the slopes of the volcano were covered by a layer of ash 40 centimeters thick.

Eight of the nine persons killed since volcanic activity was first reported last Monday died after a new eruption on Mount Jati Thursday, which followed a period of calm and caught many villagers returning to their homes.

Food gifts for refugees sold in Somalia capital

MOGADISHU, April 11 (AFP) — Tons of food supplied by foreign countries for refugees in Somalia are being sold openly in Mogadishu, while in the refugee camps people complain of starvation. Fifty-kilo sacks of rice or flour clearly marked as gifts from France, Canada or West Germany are piled up in the backs of shops or out on market stalls in the Somali capital. They fetch 320 Somali shillings (around \$30) each.

In other stores were 2.5-kilo and 5-kilo tins of hotter provided by Norway or the European Economic Community as food aid for Somalis or Ethiopian refugees — on sale for 100 shillings (\$9-14).

Complaints of food shortages in the camps of the Hirran region, several hundred kilometers north of Mogadishu, are contested by Italian, Australian and French doctors and United Nations officials. They say the ration of 450 grams of food per head per day is sufficient, and cases of malnutrition are minimal.

But camp inhabitants say more refugees are arriving and, while not officially registered by the aid organizations, still need food. The refugees, mostly phone from the conflicts with Ethiopia over the Ogaden region, number 450,000 according to the international bodies, but 700,000 according to Somali authorities.

For the past year, distribution of food among the refugee camps has been subject to tight control in attempts to prevent the food from being stolen. But witnesses say that theft has reached considerable proportions.

Human rights commission officials say privately, however, that the thefts have dropped to a "reasonable" level. The officials also stress the efficiency of the U.S. aid organization "CARE," responsible since April 1981 for the transport and distribution of food and medical supplies.

Every 10 days, CARE distributes the food among several hundred thousand refugees. CARE's mission begins in the ports of Mogadishu and Berbera where the supplies from Europe and America are unloaded. The food is then sent via 220 trucks to the 35 refugee camps in Somalia.

But controls on distribution of the food within the camp are made difficult by the fact that the refugees are free to enter and leave the camps, foreign aid workers in the camps said. In addition, the camps also contain people whom one would be hard pressed to consider as refugees, various sources said.

Abdi Adat, a Somali refugee official responsible for the Hirran region, told foreign journalists that fighters from the Liberation Front of western Somalia who are fighting against Ethiopian troops in the Ogaden have entered and left camps not far from the border.

Refugees have said that unarmed fighters go to the camps to rest, see their families or receive medical treatment, and then go back to the front. But the percentage of fighters in the camps is minimal, the refugees said.

Police battle Basques

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, April 11 (AP)

— Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets Sunday to break up unauthorized demonstrations in northeast Spain marking "Aberri Eguna" — Basque Day.

About 100 youths barricaded streets in San Sebastian before they were dispersed by police. Crowds of up to 600 persons also were disbanded by security forces in the Basque cities of Vitoria, Mondragon, Bilbao, Santander and Ondarroa. Authorities confirmed arrests were made, but did not say how many.

500,000 march against hunger

ROME, April 11 (AFP) — About 50,000 persons took part in an international march here Sunday against world hunger, according to organizers of the demonstration, the brainchild of 70 Nobel Prize winners.

The march, which had the backing of the Italian Communist and Radical Parties, was led by three Nobel Prize winners: 1959 peace prize laureate Lord Philip Noel Baker of Britain, 1970 physics prize laureate Hannes Alfven of Sweden and 1976 peace prize laureate Betty Williams of Northern Ireland.

The laureates represented all the Nobel Prize winners who ten months ago signed the "appeal to save at least five million human beings from death by the end of 1982." Also leading the March were Rome Communist Mayor Ugo Vetere, Radical Party General Secretary Marco Pannella and many figures from cultural, scientific and political circles throughout Europe.

The demonstrators, carrying blue balloons, olive branches and banners illustrating the march's theme, wound through the streets of Rome to St. Peter's Square where they joined an estimated crowd of 500,000 to hear the Pope's message.

Indians rectify fault in satellite

NEW DELHI, April 11 (Agencies) — Scientists overcome a major fault in India's new multipurpose communication satellite, Insat-IA, and have started maneuvers to put it into an intermediate transfer orbit, the Press Trust of India reported Sunday.

The satellite, launched Saturday from Cape Canaveral, Florida, could not be put into the intermediate orbit Saturday because a motor failed to fire on command from the master ground control at Hassan in southern India.

PTI said the problem was successfully solved Sunday and the motor was fired for 30 minutes to put it into the intermediate orbit. The ground control said it had overcome a major hurdle.

The next maneuver is expected to raise Insat-IA to its stationary orbit above the equator east of the Indian capital.

The \$142 million satellite will provide long-distance telephone circuits, handle picture and data transmission and link radio and television centers in India. The satellite is into operation in May. Its expected operational life span is seven years.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi messaged her "good wishes to all the Indian scientists and technologists and their fellow scientists in the United States who made possible" the project.



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